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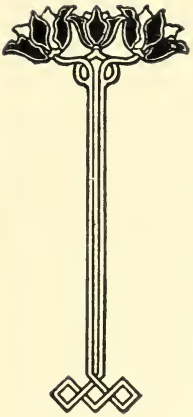

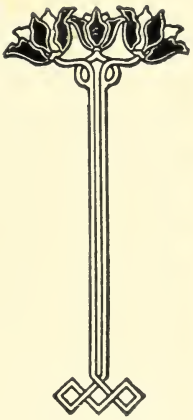

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FIRST SESSION OF THE AVERY CO. ASSOCIATION

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Montezuma, N. C., September 20, 1912.

The Avery County Association met in the Baptist church in Montezuma and organized by electing Rev. W. H. Ollis, moderator and W. M. Francum, clerk.

Bro. Edmond Johnson and Mrs. Frisbie led in singing a number of appropriate selections.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ollis.

Bro. David Greene preached the introductory sermon from Mark 1:15, "Repent and believe the gospel."

Prayer by W. M. Francum.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by S. M. Pitman.

On motion letters were read from the various churches of Avery county.

On motion I. L. Pyatte was elected treasurer of the Association.

The delegates from Jonas Ridge brought a letter desiring to unite with the Avery County Association.

On motion the delegates were welcomed to a seat, and the church is to be received into the Association when it shall have obtained a letter of dismission from the Catawba River Association.

On motion S. F. Carroll and W. H. Callaway from the Stony Fork Association and David Greene, from the Three Forks Association, were welcomed to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

State Missions—S. M. Pitman, W. H. Callaway.

Home Missions—W. S. Suddreth, J. A. Miller.

Foreign Missions—E. M. Johnson, L. L. Ollis.

Education—W. M. Francum, W. A. Braswell.

Temperance—J. A. Sparks, Lewis Reed.
Periodicals—J. W. Hall, J. T. Braswell.
Baptist Orphanage—J. A. Weatherman, W. M. Gardner, T. O. Pritchard.
Woman's Work—Mrs. R. C. Benfield, Miss Sarah Jane Braswell.
Devotional Exercises—The pastor and delegates of Aaron Baptist church
Time and Place—J. A. Dyson, B. A. Ollis, W. A. Buchanan.
Finance—Vester Stafford, J. A. Weatherman.
Destitution—E. M. Johnson, J. A. Weatherman.
Pastoral Support—W. S. Suddreth, J. T. Ollis.
Sunday Schools—J. L. Pyatte, W. W. Braswell.
Prayer by Bro. F. F. Frisbie.
On motion adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., Saturday morning.
It was announced that S. M. Pitman would preach at 8 o'clock, p. m., in the church.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.
Devotional Exercises were conducted by W. M. Francum.
The following report on Foreign Missions was read by E. M. Johnson:
We your committee submit the following on Foreign Missions: The basis of all mission work is found in John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Christ was the missionary from Heaven to a lost world. After he rose from the dead he told His disciples that as the Father sent Him so he sent them. The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
We have sent out 273 missionaries, 30 of them last year. They have 531 native helpers and are training hundreds of others. They report 3,618 baptisms last year and we hope they may be able to report tens of thousands of converts this year.
To meet the growth we must enlarge our offerings.
E. M. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Committee.
Report was adopted.

Bro. W. S. Suddreth read the following report on State Missions:

Our state is making marvelous progress in many things. The value of farm products has nearly doubled in the last ten years. What progress are we making religiously? Are we as Missionary Baptists doing our duty?

I fear we are not. North Carolina is the only state in the union whose religious growth does not keep pace with the increase of population. Brethren, this should not be. Let us stand firm and help our people. There are destitute places in North Carolina that are suffering for want of the gospel. We know of no other way to supply these places except through the State Mission Board. For the sake of our own people let us press vigorously the work of State Missions. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. SUDDRETH, Chairman. W. H. CALLAWAY.

Brother S. M. Pitman submitted the following report on Home Missions:

"Save America and Save the World," is both good philosophy and true Christianity. "As goes America so goes the World." We are doing more at present than ever before through our Home Board. We ask that our churches do more and give more liberally to this great cause. We present the idea that we ought to give one tenth of our income to the Lord. In our homes we should teach our children to give to the Lord, by so doing we the old adage comes true, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

S. M. PITMAN, Chairman. JOHN A. MILLER.

On motion the reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions were adopted.

The committee on time and place made the following report:

Next session of the Avery County Association will be held with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1913. S. M. Pitman is to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Edmond Johnson, alternate.

Committee—J. A. DYSON, W. A. BUCHANAN, B. A. OLLIS.

Report on Destitution:

We find that we have a number of places that are destitute of Baptist work, also we find ourselves unable to meet the present demands, but we urge that the most important points be supplied by Baptist preaching at once. We only mention one most important place, that is our county site, Newland. We find no place for the Baptists to worship. We are trying to secure a building lot and we find one loyal brother who offers to buy us a

lot for the erection of a Baptist church. We ask that a financial committee be appointed at once. Let every church help in this our time of need.

Committee—E. M. JOHNSON, W. M. Gardner.

On motion W. M. Francum, B. A. Ollis, Jesse Buchanan, and Vester Stafford were appointed as a financial board to solicit subscriptions for funds to build a house of worship at Newland.

The report on Education was read by W. M. Francum:

We, as Baptists, believe in the education of the masses of the people, and as our public schools are the only schools that reach the masses, let us rally to their support. We recommend Wake Forest College for the higher education of our young men, and Meredith College for the training of our young women.

Committee—W. M. FRANCUM, W. A. BRASWELL.

The following report on Temperance was read by Bro. Lewis Reid:

Intemperance is the great curse of the land. Preachers have preached against it. Churches have passed stringent rules against it, all of which is right. Yet, the curse prevails to an alarming extent. Churches and ministers should not relax their efforts to exterminate the evil, but we believe national prohibition is the only remedy that will prove effectual. Therefore, Christians should vote as they pray, and not vote for men who favor the liquor traffic.

Committee—JOSEPH SPARKS, LEWIS REID.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are more than three hundred and fifty children in the Orphanage that must be fed, clothed and educated. We recommend that each church in this Association take a collection at least once in a month for the orphans, and that there be a stronger effort made to teach our children to love the orphans better, and to give more liberally to their support, and that each church take a Thanksgiving collection for the orphanage. Then a collection was taken amounting to $4.76.

Committee—J. A. WEATHERMAN, T. O. PRITCHARD.

On motion adjourned for dinner. Benediction by W. H. Ollis.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The report on pastoral support was read by Bro. W. S. Suddreth:

We believe that the "workman is worthy of his hire," and that it is the duty of the churches of Avery county to support their pastors. We are sorry to say that a great many of our churches are not doing their duty in this respect. Brethren J. L. Pyatte, J. A. Weatherman, and W. H. Ollis to the report.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. W. H. Ollis:

"Woman's Work is never done." Women exert a greater influence than men. Women have taken the lead in all the movements that have been for the amelioration of the race. Time would fail me to speak of the noble heroines, such as Mrs. Frances E. Willard and others who have spent their lives for the good of others. Let us encourage the women to go on in their noble work until the world is made better and humanity has no tears to dry

Prayer by J. W. Hall.

Adjourned until 9 a. m., Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. M. Francum:

We believe the Sunday school to be the "Church at Work" and we advise that Sunday schools be kept open the year round in all our churches.

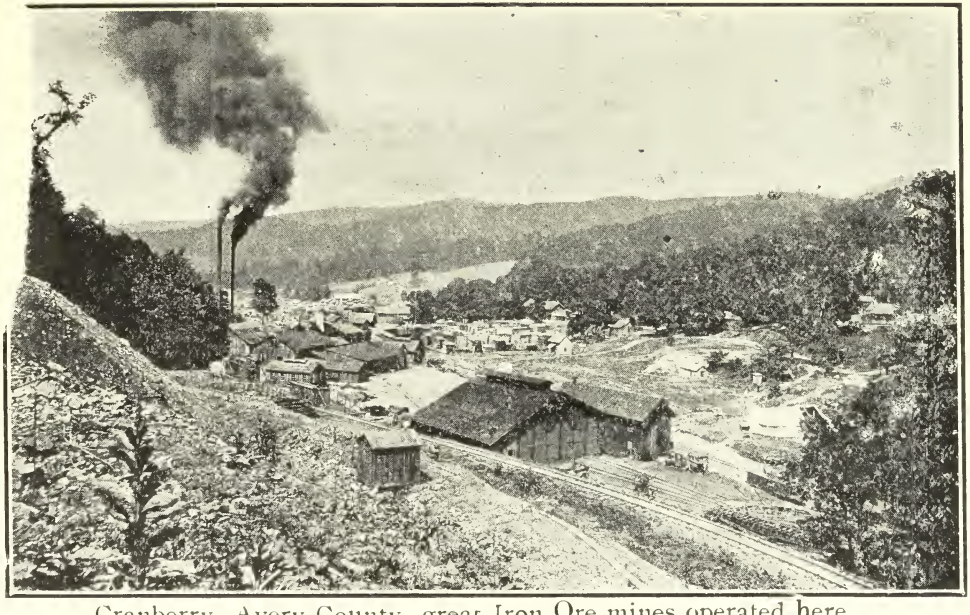
J. W. Hall, W. A. Braswell and W. M. Francum spoke to the report.

At 11 o'clock W. A. Braswell preached from the text, "Marvel not that I said until thee, ye must be born again."

W. M. Francum resolution of thanks: "Resolved, That this body extend their thanks to the good people of Montezuma for their hospitality during the association."

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Minneapolis—W. W. Pyatte, J. Buchanan, J. H. Greene, J. A. Sparks.
Pleasant Hill—S. M. Pitman, L. L. Ollis, B. A. Ollis, A. L. Miller.
Green Villey—W. H. Ollis and J. A. Weatherman.
Jonas Ridge—Lewis Reid and Thomas Clark.
Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes, and W. M. Gardner.
Elk Park—W. M. Francum.
Saginaw—T. O. Pritchard, R. O. Vance, and Thomas Key.
Aaron—W. W. Braswell, W. S. Suddreth, S. L. Franklin, C. T. Braswell.
Henson's Creek—W. A. Buchanan and J. T. Buchanan.
Big Meadows—J. W. Pyatte.



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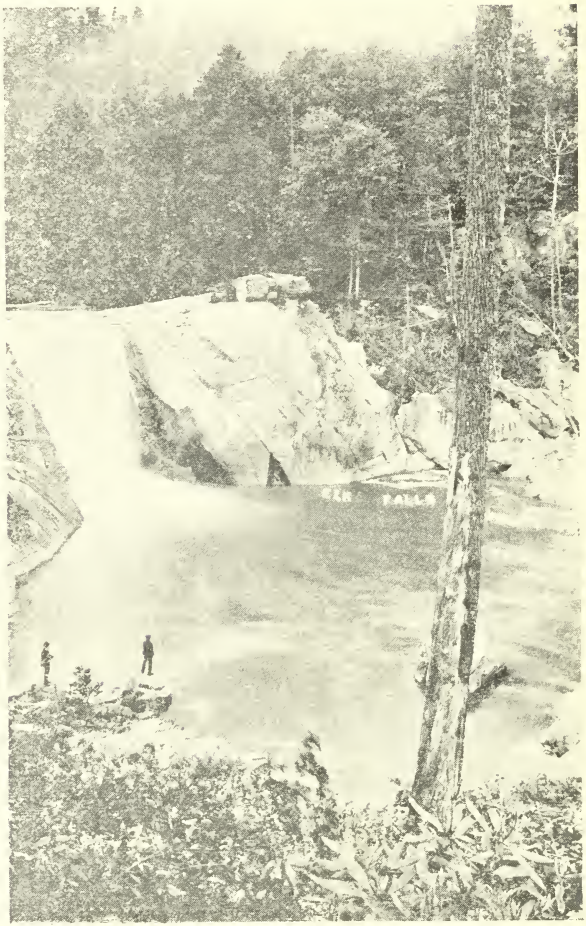

Typical Scene in Avery County

Statistical Table

CHURCH	PASTORS AND P O	CLERKS AND P O	Baptisms	Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Times of Preaching
Saginaw	J W Hall, Montezuma	R O. Vance, Saginaw	13	5	2	2	1	2	30	48	78	2
Aaron	J W Hall, Montezuma	W W Braswell, Montezuma			1			1	20	18	38	
Henson's Creek												
Elk Park	J W Hall, Montezuma	W M Frantum, Elk Park		14	21	2	0	0	20	21	41	1
Roaring Creek	S M Pitman, Cranberry	R T Lewis, Valley	2		2		4	1			125	
Jonas Ridge												
Green Valley	J W Hall, Montezuma	J A Weatherman, Ingalls										
Pleasant Hill	S M. Greene, Chrissa	Luther Sheis, Minneapolis	16	2			3				175	
Minneapolis	J. W Hull, Montezuma	A C Pritchard, Minneapolis									11	
Big Meadows	J. W Hall, Montezuma	J W Pyatte, Pyatte										

Bro J. W Pyatte was elected treasurer of the association.

Financial Statement

CHURCH	Minute Fund	Pastors Salary	Building	Incidentals	Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Old Minister's Relief	Other Objects
Elk Park		$100 00				$10.15				$27 00
Minneapolis	$1 20	$75 00		$5.00		$7 50				
Pleasant Hill	$1 10	$58 80	$27 00	$10.00	$10 00	$20 00	$20.00			$20 00
Green Valley	$1 15	$60 00				$1 12		$5 25		
Jonas Ridge		$77 53	$115 00							$10 00
Henson's Creek	$ 50									
Aaron	$ 80	$80 00		$29 00		$5.00	$5 00	$5 00		$5 00
Roaring Creek						$15.00	$15 00			$12.00
Saginaw	$ 75	$72 00		$10 00		$20.00				$10 00
Big Meadows	$ 75	$72 00		$10 00		$20 00				

Sunday School Table

CHURCH	SUPT AND P O	Average Attendance	Expenses	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Baptisms from S S.
Minneapolis	A C Pritchard, Minneapolis, N C	30	$5.00	7	40	8
Pleasant Hill	A L. Miller, Minneapolis, N C			6	120	17
Green Valley	J A Weatherman, Ingalls, N. C	50				
Jonas Ridge	(No Report)					
Roaring Creek				5	100	
Elk Park	Union S S.					
Saginaw	R. O Vance, Saginaw N C			4	40	13
Aaron	W S Suddreth, Montezuma, N. C.	52		8	81	4
Henson's Creek	W A Buchanan, Spar, N C....		$12 80	4	35	
Big Meadows	J W Pyatte, Pyatte, N C	48		72		

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AT FRANK, N. C.

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In the absence of the Clerk the Moderater appointed Hosten Cooper clerk, pro tem. Bro. A. D. Ollis led in singing a number of appropriate songs. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Green and W. R. Black. Singing by the choir. Rev. W. R. Beach read a lesson from Romans 5:1-11 and preached the introductory sermon from Psalms 17:15. Theme: satisfaction. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Putnam, on motion adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

Evening Session First Day

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing after which the Association was led in prayer by Rev. David Green, the Moderator. Moderator then called for visiting brethren and Revs. L. H. Green and J. W. Putnam from Roan Mt. association. Dr. C. G. Bryant from Yadkin Association and Rev. W. R. Beach in the interest of the Biblical Recorder were all welcomed to a seat. Letters from the churches were then called for and R. T, Lewis and D. Buchanan were appointed reading clerks, on motion letters were then read. Letters were then called for from newly constituted churches, and a letter from Newland Baptist church was presented. On motion Rev. L. H. Green, W. R. Beach, and David Green were appointed as committee to investigate the letter and after reporting favorably by motion Newland Baptist church was admitted to the association. On motion, Rev. John A. Miller from Aaron Church was invited to a seat in the Association. and his name was enrolled as a delegate from that church.

The Association then took up the election of officers for the ensuing year. The moderator appointed Brethren W. R. Beach and C. G. Bryant as tellers and collect the votes from the delegates. First vote was taken for moderator and Rev. David Green was elected moderator for the ensuing year. The vote was then taken for clerk and D. Buchanan was declared elected. On motion Rev. W. A. Braswell was elected treasurer by acclimation: The moderator then appointed the following committees: Committee on Orphanage, Rev. W. H. Ollis and Jno. A. Miller. Committee on Finance Rev. S. A. Hughes, and W. M. Gardner. Committee on Home Missions Rev. C. P. Holland and R, T. Louis. Committe on Ministerial Relief Rev. E. M. Johnson and L. H. Green. Committee on Education, Rev. W. A. Braswell and W. E. Ollis. Committee on State Missions, Rev. W. R. Beach, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and V. W. Green. Committee on Temperance, Rev. S. M. Pitman, Dr. C. G. Bryant. Committee on Periodicels, Rev. W. R. Beach, W. H. Ollis. Committee on Obituary, Rev. J. W. Pitman, J. W. Carpenter. Committee on Woman's Work, Miss Nellie Hall, Horton Cooper, B. A. Ollis. Committee on Preaching, Vester Stafford, Asberry Dyson and delegates of

Pleasant Hill Church. Committee on Foreign Missions, Rev. L. H. Green, S. M. Pitman, R. P. Hunt, Committee on Time and Place of next meeting, Vester Stafford, Asbury Dyson, L. H. Green. Committee on Resolutions Moderator and Clerk. Committee on Destitution, Rev. J. W. Putnam, Rev. S. A. Hughes. Committee on Sunday Schools, R. T. Louis, Rev. C. P. Holland. Committee on Arrangements for program of the meeting, Rev. L. H, Green, W. H. Ollis, S. M. Pitman. Committae on State of the Churches, Jno. A. Miller, C. G. Bryant, Columbus Braswell, W. A. Braswell.

On motion Bro. J. A. Williams of the Tuckasegee association was welcomed to a seat.

On motion Rev. R. P. Hunt from Gainesville, Ky. was welcomed to a seat.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw representing the State Mission Board was welcomed to a seat.

Delegates were then assigned homes and remarks were made by Bro. C. T. Hicks and Rev. G. H. Green on the hospitality of the community and the members of Pleasant Hill church.

On motion, adjourned till 7:30 p. m. for night session, singing by the choir, prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw as a dismissal.

Met at night pursuant to adjournment. Rev. David Green who was elected moderator asked to be released on the grounds that he was not a member of the association and was elected through an error. The same was granted and Rev. W. H. Ollis continued as moderator till his successor was elected.

The report on State Missions was then called for and read by W. R. Beach, spoken to by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw in a very forceable and able speech.

Report on State Missions

Brethren, your committee on State Mission beg leave to report that there is being a great work done by our State Mission Board. Let us glance at last year's report of last year which gives us an idea of the results that come from the expenditures we make: We had last year 150 missionaries who preached at 350 places and out-stations. The missionaries preached 10,150 sermons, held 231 meetings, baptized 1,607 people, received 1,393 by letter. They reported 2627 professions of faith, 20 houses of worship being built and 12 houses finished. The contributions of these mission points were as follows:

Paid on pastors' salaries	$26,898.42
Church Buildings	24,434.67
Objects of Convention	23,223.14
Total	$94,586.23

The treasurer's report shows that we received for State Missions last year $47,931.91. These figures show that the mission fields raised more money by $26,654.32 than what was expended by the Baptists of the state

on the work of State Missions. If we leave out of the account the $26,898 42 paid on pastor's salaries by the mission fields it leaves the mission points in debt to the Baptists of the state only $224.10. One who reads these figures may wonder why there is need of State Mission work if the mission points raise more money than they receive from the board. Several things can be said in justification of our policy. A large majority of these mission points would not make an effort to do anything, were it not for the fact that the strong arm of the board is underneath them. This inspires them with confidence and courage. Second, Our method secures a wise distribution of funds. The weak places, which could not possibly stand alone, receive a sufficiently large appropriation to keep them going while the places that have nearly reached the self sustaining basis are given smaller amounts and we earnestly request our people to give to State Missions and thus help to spread the gospel to those who have not heard.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. R. Beach, Chmn.
" W. R. Bradshaw,
V. B. Greene.

On motion the report on State Missions was adopted.

Rev. L. H. Green then took pledges from the churches for State Missions as follows:

Aaron	$2 00
Big Meadows	5 00
Jones Ridge	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	5 00
Cranberry	5 00
Minneapolis	5 00
Yellow Mt	5 00
Henson Creek	2 00
Newland	10 00
Pleasant Hill	20 00
Roaring Creek	5 00
Green Valley	5 00
Total	74 00

On motion the Association adjourned until Wednesday at 9:30 oclock.

Second Day's Session, Sept. 24

The Association met at 9:30 oclock. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. P. Holland, Singing by the choir: Then listened to a lesson read fro.. the first chapter of Psalms. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Hunt. Singing after which the Association was led in prayer by Prof. J. W. Williams. Singing. The Moderator then called up the regular order of business. The minutes of the first day's session were read and corrections made after which they were approved. The next item on the program was miscellaneous business

On motion the election of a moderator was taken up. Rev. W. H. Ollis the present Moderator. called Dr. C. G. Brayant to the chair as moderato pro tem. On motion to elect by acclamatlon, which was discussed, a vote was taken and motion was voted down. On motion to elect by ballot Revs. W. R. Beach and G. H. Green were appointed tellers and vote was taken which resulted in the election of Rev. S. M. Putnam.

The new Moderator was invited to the chair by the outgoing Moderator and escorted to the chair by Rev. G. H. Green whereupon Bro. Pitman thanked the Association for the responsibility placed on him and gave an appropriate talk on the occasion.

The regular order of business was then taken up. The Report on Periodicals was called for and same was read by W. R, Beach and report was spoken to by W, R. Beach and G. H. Green.

Report on Periodicals

The Biblical Recorder is the Organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and has fostered every claim of the denomination and stood boldly by every undertaking through the years.

It is the bond of unity for our people as well as a medium of communication from different sections and for the different objects to which we contribute.

It is the agency for the dissemination of the information our people need and for the defense and spread of the truth.

This is a reading age and if we fail to give ourselves and families the opportunity to read the good, other matter that is hurtful will creep in with its poisoning effect and do its work before we are aware of its influence.

Not withstanding the numerical increase of our denomination for the past five years there has been very little increase in the number of subscribers during that time to our organ.

Our paper can never do its best work or reach its greatest usefulness until it is more widely read by our people.

To this end we earnestly request our pastors in this association to encourage and urge their members to become subscribers to and readers of our paper

W. H. Ollis,
W. R. Beach, Committee.

Report on Home Missions was read by C. P, Holland and spoken to by him.

Home Mission Report.

In recent years there has been a great and gratifying advance among Southern Baptists in Home Mission conviction, and results. In 1902 the receipt of our Home Board $88,874 in 1912 $366,050 and the apportionment ordered by the Southern Baptist convention for the present fiscal year

ending May, 1, 1913, $412,000. The needs are so pressing the whole amount was given.

The result shows a great increase of our work. In 1912 the Board employed 1,309 missionary workers who report 26,899 baptism additions to the churches, 683 churches organized and 754 Sunday Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. P. HOLLAND,

R. T. LOMIS, Committee.

The Report was adopted.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by the Clerk and spoken to by Rev. G. H. Green.

Report On Foreign Missions.

Your committee submit the following report on Foreign Missions the basis of all Foreign Mission work is found in John-3-16. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Christ was the missionary from heaven to a lost world and after he arose from the grave he told his disciples that as the father had sent him so he sent them. The field is the world the command is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Let this mind be in you that was in Christ when he said, it was his meat to do the will of God who sent and to finish his work.

We now have about 863 Missionaries and native helpers. Last year we had 4,532 baptisms on the Foreign Fields, and we ask our churches to do more for the missionaries on their respective fields, and make this Avery Association the Banner Association of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. PHILLIP HUNT,

L. H. GREEN,

S. M. PITMAN.

On motion the Association adjourned till 1:00 P. M.

Evening Session, Sept. 24.

Met according to adjournment at 1 o'clock P. M. opened by singing and prayer by Rev. R. P. Hunt. Discussion on Foreign Missions was continued by R. P. Hunt and pledges were taken by C. P. Holland for Home and Foreign Missions to be divided as the churches see fit. The following churches made pledges:

Aaron	$2 00
Cranberry	6 00
Henson's Creek	3 00
Newland	5 00
Roaring Creek	5 00
Ash Grove	2 00
Minneapolis	6 00

Yellow Mt.	5 00
Big Meadows	3 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00
Green Valley	5 00
Total	52 00

Committee on Sunday Schools reported and read by R. T. Louis and spoken to by Dr. C. G. Bryant and W. H. Ollis.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools, We find that the Sabbath School work in the bounds of this Association has made great progress in the last few years. But not what could have been made, and we believe with properwork the schools of this Association can be made equal with any of the State. Therefore we make the following recommendations:

First, better organization.

Second, more efficient and better qualified officers.

Third, More mission work in the schools especially for the Orphanage work.

Fourth. More evergreen schools. We belleve that there is not a church in the Avery County Association but what could and should run an evergreen Sunday school.

Fifth, We recommend that this asssociation organize a Sunday school Convention, and urge all the schools to send delegates to said Convention with statistical report of their schools. It is to be known as the Avery Connty Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
C. P. Holland, Chmn.
R. T. Lewis.

Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee to organa Sunday-school Convention committee. Dr. C. G. Bryant, Chmn., Rev. W. H. Ollis.

Your committee on Time and Place for next session report as follows:

We agree that the next session of the Avery County Association will meet with the Big Meadow church commencing on on Tuesday before fourth Sunday in September, 1914. Introductory sermon by Rev. E. M. Johnson Alternate, Rev. L. H. Green. Submitted,

L. H. Green, Chmn.
Vester Stafford,
Asberry Dyson.

Committee on the State of the Churches read by Rev. W. A. Braswell and spoken to by W. A. Braswell, G. H. Green, R. P. Hunt, C. G. Bryant, J. A. Miller, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Pitman, Asberry Dyson.

We the Committee beg leave to report the following:

Report on State of the Churches

So far as our observations extend, we believe that the churches are at a

standstill. The revivals have not been what they should have been. The spirit of giving seems to be on the increase. We believe that the great need now is for a more able and better equipped ministery for future work in the Association. The churches are not doing what they could do in regard to pastors salary. We recommend that all churches double the salary of their pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Braswell,
C. G. Bryant,
J. A. Miller,
C. C. Braswell.

Report on Ministerial relief was read by Rev. E. M. Johnson spoken to by W. H. Ollis G. H. Green and it was revealed that Rev. T. M. Reid was a disabled minister of this association and a collection was taken for him which amounted to $6.00 and the same was turned over to Rev. W. A. Braswell the pastor of his church to give to him.

Report was addopted.

Ministerial Relief

The Baptist Relief Board was established 22 years ago during that time has relieved and helped 103 needy ministers and their widows.

It is the aim of this board that no one who has been a worthy proclaimer of God's truth shall suffer for the necessities of life. We desire that every Baptist of our Asociation shall share this ambition with us and contribute towards this needy purpose.

We do therefore urge that every church make regular contributions to this object just as to State Mission and Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Johnson, Ch.
L. H. Green.

Committees.

Third Day's Session

Association met at 9 o'clock. Singing by the choir. Devotional exercises was conducted by Rev. G. H, Green by reading eight divisions of the Psalms and commenting on the same. Prayer was led by R. P. Hunt, and singing. The Association then took up the order of business on motion to appoint a committee of three to grant a constitution and by-laws for this Association to be presented next session.

The committee as appointed by the Moderator are Rev. W. H. Ollis, Jno. A. Miller and S. A. Hughes.

Report of other committees was called for committees on education was read by the clerk and report was spoken to by Jno. A. Miller, R. P. Hunt, C. P. Holland and G. H. Green. Report was adopted.

We, your committee, report as follows: We as Baptists believe in the education of the masses of the people and as our public schools are the on-

ly schools that reach the masses let us rally to their support. We earnestly recommend the Mitchell Collegiate Institute and Wake Forest College for the higher education of our young people, also Meredith College.

W. G. Ollis,
W. A. Braswell,
Committee.

Report on the Orphanage was called for and read by Jno. A. Miller and spoken to by him and R P Hunt.

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

We find on November 11th, 1885 the first child was received. The last one enrolled this year runs the number up to 1420.

Fifty applicants a month, most of them being turned away for lack of room. It costs one hundred dollars a year to support one child, not including building and repairs. Children are received between the ages of five and twelve and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. Charity and Children has just closed its most prosperous year, the job department having been considerably increased. Twelve boys are employed in this department for half their time. Only about one third of our Baptist Sunday Schools take Charity and Children in Clubs, but we are anxious to increase this number. We ought to have a club in every Sunday School in the State. Those who take the paper in single subscriptions contribute more to the Orphanage than those who get it in clubs. Price $1.00 a year, or in clubs of ten or more to one address 60 cents a year. The expense bill averages about a hundred and fifteen dollars a day. Two barrels of flour a day, three or four bushels of meal, a whole beef when used all around, ten bushels of sweet potatoes, four or five bushels of irish potatoes when potatoes are used, and other things accordingly. We have 1800 Sunday Schools in the State. About 40 per cent of the current funds come from once a month collections from these schools, not from all of them but from about one third of them. It pays to invest money in children if wisely done. But the dividends cannot be declared in dollars. The ages will declare it and and in other coin. We your committee recommend all the churches to support the Orphanage.

Respectully,
John A. Miller
W. H, Ollis,
Committee.

Pledges were then taken for the Thomasville Orphanage as follows by churches.

Aaron	$ 5.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Minneapolis	5.00
Yellow Mt.	5.00
Pleasant Hill	15.00

Green Valley	5.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Jones Ridge	2.60
Cranberry	6.00
Henson Creek	1.00
Big Meadows	5.00
Elk Park	10.00
Roaring Creek	3.00
Crossnore	5.00
Total	61.56

Report was adopted.

Pastors of the churches will please see that this is paid as well as other pledges and more for there is no better cause that we could give our money to than the Orphanage.

On motion each Pastor takes subscriptions for CHARITY AND CHILDREN.

Report on Woman's Work was read by the clerk and spoken to by R. P. Hunt and G. H. Green.

Report on Woman's Work.

As yet we have no organized Women's Mission Societies in the county but we sincerely hope that the Christian women of the Baptist churches will organize to promote this much needed work. Women exert a greater influence than men. Women have taken the lead in all the movements that have been for the amelioration of the race. Time would fail us to speak of the noble workers, such as Mesdames Frances E. Willard and Jane Adams who have spent their time and lives to uplift and upbuild others. Let us encourage the women to go on in the great, good work until the world is made better and brighter and humanity has no sobs to quell nor tears to dry.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE HALL, Chairman
B. A. OLLIS,
HORTON COOPER, Committee.

Report was adopted.

On motion Rev. A. S. Hicks invited and welcomed to a seat.

Report on obituaries was read by Rev. Rev. J. W. Putnam, and adopted we your committee on obituaries submit the following:

We find from the digest of letters that we have lost by death six members. We hope and believe they have gone to their reward, but our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. PUTNAM, Chmn.
J. W. CARPENTER.
Committee.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following, viz.

Report on Temperance.

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Temperance consists of a moderate use of all things good for mankind, while intemperance is a curse. Therefore we advise our people to abstain from all its evils,and that we stand firm with regard to the prohibition laws and s· e that all violators are punished. This is our duty.

C. M. PITMAN,
C. G BRYANT,
Committee.

Report on Destitution was read by J. W. Putnem and adopted.

Report on Destitution.

We your committee on Destitution submit the following.

From the best information your committee has found that there is some destitution within the borders of the Avery Association and especially at Newland as a center.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. PUTNAM, Chmn.
S. A. HUGHES.
Committee.

On motion the Executive Committe was to collect money and employ a missionary for the bounds of this Association.

Report of Committee on Sunday School Conventions was read by R. T. Louis and adopted.

Report on Sunday School Conventions.

We your Committee on Sunday School Conventions recommend that the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention convene with Roaring Creek church beginning on Friday before the 3rd. Sunday in August, 1914, C. P Holland to preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. BRYANT,
W. H. OLLIS,
R. T. LEWIS.
Committee.

On motion the names of delegates were called and enrolled:

Mt. Pleasant--John Holt, J. W. Carpenter.

Green Valley—Rev. W. H. Ollis, J. T. Weatherman.

Roaring Creek—R. T. Lewis, J. G. Hughes, G. Googe, W. M. Gardner. S. A. Hughes.

Big Meadows—J. A. Dyson.

Oak Grove—Rev. T. Jones.

Yellow Mt,—D. Buchanan, Vester Stafford.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. S. M. Pitman, J. M. Sparks, B. A. Ollis, V. B. Hicks,

Dave English, A. L. Miller, N. A, Buchanan, C. T. Hicks.
Jones Ridge—Joseph 1 oor.
Henson Creek—W. A. Buchanan.
Minneapolis—W. W. Pyatte, Jance Buchanan.
Aaron—C. P. Braswell, Jno, A. Miller.
Newland—Rev. E. M. Johnson.
No delegates from Crossnore and Elk Park churches.

Report on Finance was read by the clerk and the fund for the minutes was sufficient. Each church was asked to double this amount which resulted in the following: Aaron 25, Roaring Creek 25, Cranberry 50, Green Valley 35, Yellow Mt. 40, Pleasant Hill, $1.10. Since the association clerk received 65 from Crossnore. Total $3.50.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Churches	Minutes	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage
Green Valley	$1. 15	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Plessant	70	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Mt.	60	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	1.15	....	.....	.....
Roaring Creek	1.75	..... .	.....	.....
Jonas Ridge	75	.....	.....	.....
Big Meadows	80	.....	.....	.....
Newland	50	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	1 10	2 00	5 00	5 00
Minneapolis	75	.....	.....	.....
Aaron	50	.....	..... .	.....
Cranberry	1 50	.....	....	.....
Total	$11 50	2 00	9 67	8 22

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Hughes,
W. M. Gardner.
Committee.

Evening Session---Sept. 25th.

Met at 1 o'clock singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. J. W. Putnam. The association was then called to order to finish up the business by Rev. G. H. Green by request of the moderator on motion that this association correspond with Roan Mountain and Watauga associations. Rev. S. M. Pitman was appointed to attend Roan Mt. Association next year, and Rev. S. A. Hughes, John Hall, A. D. Ollis and Rev. W. H. Ollis, as correspondents to Roan Mt. Association, Rev. R. P. Hunt to the Watauga Association.

Report on Resolutions was read by the clerk and adopted.

Report on Resolutions

Your committee on resolutions beg leave to refer that this association

returns its sincere thanks to the people of Pleasant Hill Church and the community at large for the hospitality and kindness in every way to this association. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PITMAN,
D. BUCHANAN,
Committee

A very appropriate talk was then listened to from the moderator. The Association then listened to a very forceful sermon which had much affect on the congregation by Rev. L, H. Green the association then adjourned to meet next year at Big Meadows.

REV. S. M. PITMAN, Moderator
D. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	No. of Schools	No. of Ch. Members in School	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance.	Number Baptisms.	Contributions for Missions Orphanage etc.	School Expenses.	Total Contributions.
Aaron	Tom Childress, Montezuma.....	7	68	75	1	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	12 00	12 00
Big Meadows..	Chesley Pyatte, Pyatte.....	5	75	80	1	30	.....	60	3	2 00	12 00	14 00
Cranberry	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Valley..	J. A. Weatherman, Ingalls.....	5	60	65	1	15	9	42	.....	.....	6 00	6 00
Henson Creek..	W. A. Buchanan, Spear.....	7	60	67	...	18	9	31	.....	.....	2 55	2 88
Jonas Ridge...	W. M. Shuffler, Jonas Ridge.....	6	50	56	...	.....	12	45	3	1 73	3 00	4 73
Crossnore.....	P. G. Johnson, Crossnore.....	10	115	125	...	75	.....	90	27	1 00	20 00	21 00
Mineapolis	J. A. Sparks Mineapolis.....	7	84	91	...	.....	9	60	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Mt. Pleasant...	John Hall, Hughes.....	5	60	65	...	.....	6	49	.....	.....	11 00	11 00
New Land.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	J. A. Miller, New Land.....	4	67	71	...	12	.....	40	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Pleasant Hill..	N. A. Buchanan, Mineapolis	4	...	.....	...	.....	12	110	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughs, Valley.....	7	95	102	...	.....	12	65	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Yellow Mt.....	J. M. Harden, Spear.....	7	60	67	...	11	.....	50	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
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FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Total for Use at Home	State Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage.	Other Objects	TOTAL.
Aaron	80 00		15 80	12 00		107 80		1 75	5 00		114 55
Big Meadows	60 00	24 00		12 00		96 00		2 00			98 00
Cranberry	75 00		1 50			76 50			3 21	71 80	159 51
Crossnore	60 00		65	20 00		80 65		3 00			83 65
Green Valley	60 00		1 15			61 15					61 15
Henson Creek	18 75			2 85		21 60					21 60
Jonas Ridge	84 00		75	3 00		112 85			1 73	1 50	116 68
Mineapolis	30 00		75	15 00		45 75					45 75
Mt. Pleasant	24 50		70	11 10	10 00	45 30					45 30
New Land			50			50					50
Oak Grove	22 62		1 00								
Pleasant Hill	75 10	52 25	1 10	50 00	80 00	258 45	2 00	5 00	5 00		270 45
Roaring Creek	22 00		1 75	15 00	13 00	51 75					51 75
Yellow Mountain	80 00		60	15 00		95 00					95 00

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	CLERKS AND POST OFF
Aaron	C. P. Holland, Pyatte	W. W. Braswell, Montezur
Big Meadows	C. P. Holland, Pyatte	Z. D. Pyatte, Pyatte
Cranberry	D. A. Green, Dark Ridge	R. N. Cordwell, Cranberry
Crossnore	N. S. Hampton, Blowing Rock	Preston G. Johnson, Cross
Green Valley	J. A. Gouge, Ledger	J. A. Weatherman. Ingalls
Henson Creek	C. P. Holland, Pyatte	J. M. Greer, Spear
Jonas Ridge	G. H. Green, Bakersville	L. G. Reid, Jonas Ridge
Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman, Cranberry	W. W. Pyatte, Minneapoli
Mt Pleasant	C. P. Holland, Pyatte	J. W. Carpenter, Crossnor
Newland	C. P. Ho land, Pyatte	Williard Pritchard, Newla
Oak Grove	N S. Hampton, Blowing Rock	T. Jones, Newland.
Pleasant Hill	G. H. Green, Bakersville	G. A. Ollis, Minneapolis.
Roaring Creek	S. M. Pitman, Cranberry	R. T. Lewis, Valley
Yellow Mt	C. P. Holland, Pyatte	Vester Stafford, Spear

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Rules of Decorum

AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator, nor by him unless he violates the rules of order.

4. He must strictly adhere to the subject in debate, and avoid all unkind and disrespectful language.

5. No person shall absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Moderator.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subtect, without leave of the Association.

7. No member of the association shall be allowed to be engaged in conversation in time of public debate, or in any other way show disrespect for the speaker, or the subject under consideration.

8. Members of the Association shall address eachother by the term Bro.

9. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and shall be called over as often as the Association shall require.

10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilages of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but in no case shall he vote unless the Association be equally divided.

21. Any member who shall knowingly and williingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association.

Constitution

THE AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of the ordained Ministers, within the bounds of said Association, and deligates chosen by the Churches, and duly sent with letters certifying their appointment. Each church being entitled to four such deligates.

Art. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no ecclesiastical Power, nor shall they interfere with any of the internal rights of the churches composing the body.

Art. 3. When convened the Association shall be governed by regular and proper decorum.

Art. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the suffrages of the members present, or in any other way the body may direct.

Art. 5. New churches sending letters and deligates may at any time be recieved into this body if on examination, they are found ortho-

dox and orderly, such reception being manifested by the Moderator giving delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Every church in the body shall be entitled to representation.

Art. 7. Every query presented by any church, shall be once read and on a vote of a majority, shall be debated, otherwise it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. The Association shall endeavor to supply the churches with minutes of its proceedings

Art. 10. There shall be a book kept, in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Clerk, who shall recieve suitable compensation for his services.

Art. 11. The minutes shall be read, and if need be corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 12. The Association may amend, or alter this Constitution when deemed necessary by a vote of ⅔ present.

Art. 13. The Association shall have the right, 1st. To withdraw fellowship from any church that retains in fellowship, members who are engaged in the manufacture or traffic of intoxicating liquors.

2nd. To inquire into the cause why any church fails at any time to be represented in the Association.

3rd. To appoint any member, or members to transact the legitimate business of the body.

4th. To admit any visiting minister it may deem advisable to assis in the taansaction of business.

5th. To adjourn to meet at any time and place they may think most for the interest of this body.

Articles of Faith.

Art. 1. We believe there is only one true and living God, and that in the unity of the God-head, there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.

Art. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe the doctrine of election by Grace.

Art. 4. We believe the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 5. We believe that man is unable by his own free will or ability to recover himself from his natural fallen state.

Art. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God. only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Art. 7. We believe that God's elect are called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Art. 8. We believe that such only are true believers, as endure unto the end, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.

Art. 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the two ordinances of the church, and that baptism is the immersion of a be. liever in water in the name of the Father; Son, and Holy Ghost, and that it is a pre-requisite to the privilages of a church relation, and to the Lord's supper.

Art. 10. We believe both in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement.

Art. 11. We believe both in the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

Art. 12. We believe that Ministers have no right to administer the Ordinances, unless they have been regularly called and set apart to the work by the laying on of hands of the presbytery.

Proceedings.

PYATTE, N. C., SEPT. 22, 1914.

Avery County Baptist Association met with Big Meadows church Tuesday, Sept. 22 to 24, 1914.

The Association was called ta order by Rev. W. H. Ollis.

After Devotional exercises, Rev. E. M. Johnson preached the Introductory sermon. Text Titus 2nd Chapt. and 1st verse. Theme, Drifting away.

The moderator being absent, the clerk appointed W. H. Ollis Mod. Protem. He took charge, and called for church letters, and Revs. W. R. Beach and A. W. McDaniel were appointed reading clerks, and the following letters were haded in and read: Yellow Mtn., Aaron, Mt. Pleasant, Mineapolis, Newland, Pleasant Hill, Crossmore, Jones Ridge, Greenvalley, Roaring Creek, Big Meadows.

In behalf of the Asso. the moderator invited visiting Brethren to seat in our body.

W. R. Bradshaw was welcomed to a seat in the interest of State missions.

Rev. W. R. Beach was invited to a seat in behalf of the Bidlical Recorder.

Revs. J. H. Farthing and John Norris from Three Forks Asso., and Revs. G. H. Green and A. W. Daniel from Roan Mountain Asso. were welcomed to seats.

The delegates were assigned homes.

Moved to adjourn till 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer was offered by A. W. McDaniel.

EVENING SESSION Sept. 22, 1914.

The association met according to adjournment.

Devotional exercises by singing, and prayer by Rev. J. H. Farthing.

The association then took up election of officers for the ensuing year. It was moved to elect by acclamation, and Dr. C. G. Bryant was elected Moderator, and D. Buchanan Clerk, by acclamation.

The Moderator appointed as Com. on State Missions, W. H. Ollis, W. R. Bradshaw and A. W. McDaniel. Report read by W. R. Bradshaw. Moved that we adopt the report. Spoken to by W. H. Ollis, and W. R. Bradshaw. Report was adopted.

Report on STATE MISSIONS.

It is generally admitted that State Missions is fundamental. It lies at the base of all our enterprises. It strengthens the weak places in our work and steadies the hands of those who are overwhelmed by the odds against them. It is the big brother in the family who stands between the little brother and danger.

One hundred and fifty missionaries are at work in the State under the board. These men of God preached more than ten thousand sermons and baptized more than two thousand persons during the past year. Many of these sermons were preached in sections destitute of gospel privileges. Some of these persons were born from families hostile to the faith as we hold it.

We are a mighty host as to numbers, but we are painfully lacking in efficiency. We must enlist the unenlisted. If we want better pastoral service we will have to form compact fields.

Let all our people manifest a deeper interest in the work of giving the gospel to every human being in North Carolina.

W. H. Ollis, W. R. Bradshaw, A. W. McDaniel.

Moved and seconded that we call the roll of churches and take pledges for State Missions. Pledges were taken as follows:

Aaron $2, Big Meadows $5, Crossmore $5, Green Valley $5, Minneapolis $5, Mt. Pleasant $2, Newland $10, Pleasant Hill $6, Roaring Creek $5, Yellow Mtn. $5, Jonas Ridge $5.

Committee on Constitution and By-laws of Avery Co. association, that was appointed last session was called on to report, and the report was read by W. H. Ollis; also, an Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were attached. It was moved and carried that the reports be adopted. Also was moved that the above reports be printed in the minutes, and the same was adopted.

The Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

State Missions—W. H. Ollis, W R Bradshaw, A W McDaniel.
Home " —L H Green, J H Farthing, Preston Johnson.
Foreign " —E M Johnson, A W McDaniel, Z D Pyatte.
Education—J L Pyatte, R T Lewis, W A Braswell.
Ministerial Relief—T W Keller, J W Carpenter, Harrison Burleson
Finance—W R Beach, W A. Braswell, John Norris.
Periodicals—W R Beach, Isaiah Moody, L G Reid.
Obituaries—W H Ollis, J W Carpanter, L C Shell.
Orphanage—L H Green, Asberry Dyson, J W Hall.
Woman's Work—Louis Hall, John Norris, Mrs. Bryant.

State of Churches—Isaiah Moody, Enoch Cornell, J. L. Pyatte.
Preaching—Pastor and delegates of Big Meadows church.
Program—Preston Johnson, E M Johnson, J L Pyatte.
Time and Place—T W Childers, J W Carpenter, L G Reid, H R Buchanan.
Finance—H R Buchanan, D T Weatherman.
Destitution—L H Green, E M Johnson, J W Carpenter. 5
Resolutions—W H Ollis, J W Hall, D T Weatherman.
Sunday Schools—J H Farthing, R T Lewis, E A Stamy.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION Sept. 22, 1914.

The association met at 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by L. H. Green, by reading the 55 Psalm, and commenting therefrom.

The general business was then taken up, and roll of committees, appointed by the Moderator, was called.

Com. on Program reported. Report was unanimously adopted.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended, and adopted.

Report on Periodicals was read by W. R. Beach and moved for its adoption, and spoken to by W. R. Beach, Isaiah Moody, W. H. Ollis.

Report was adopted.

REPORT on PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention for more than four score years, and has saught to be true to its name in every particular.

It has fostered every movement that has meant the Moral, Educational and Spiritual uplift of our people.

It is the Acts of the Apostles for our age in N. C. and the application of Biblical truth to present conditions.

It is the medium of communication and the band of unity for our people.

One of the greatest needs of our people, is more information about the work we are trying to do. It is impossible for the Recorder to give the help it should give, till more of our people read it. At the present time only about one family, in six, among our Baptist people receive its weekly visits: yet a majority of our workers are those who read the Recorder.

Moreover this is a reading age and the papers and books that come into our homes should be carefully selected, and the best to be obtained.

Let us endeavor as pastors and workers to increase the circulation as much as possible.

W. R. Beach, L. G. Reid.

The time having arrived for preaching, prayer was offered by Isaiah Moody, and an interesting sermon was listened to, delivered by Rev. W. R. Beach. Text: Romans 1: 16. Prayer by W. H. Ollis.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, Sept. 23.

Met promptly at 1 o'clock p. m. Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. John Norris. Association then took up regular order of business. Report on Home Missions read by L. H. Greene. Report on Foreign Missions read by A. W. McDaniel. Moved that both reports be adopted. Spoken to by L. H. Green and A. W. McDaniel.

Reports were adopted.

Pledges were then taken for Home and Foreign Missions. The following churches pledged:— Big Meadow $1; Green Valley $5; Jonas Ridge $5; Minneapolis $5; Mt. Pleasant $2; Newland $2; Pleasant Hill $10; Roaring Creek $2; Yellow Mt. $2.

Report on Time and Place read by L. G. Reid, and adopted.

REPORT on HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is to save the South, and through the South, save the world. We are slow about saving the South. God is sending the heathen Catholics by the thousands, and if we do not come to ourselves in our strength and do our best in christianizing them, we will be paganized. In 1912 Southern Baptists raised 366,050.

The Home board Mission reports 8,150 baptisms in 1912 there were 26,899 baptisms. [These two lines printed like copy. —Printer.)

We observe from statistics that we are gradually advancing. The Home board is assisting a large number of schools, and building churches. Your Com. urges that we take the Home Board Journal.

We can only do our duty by doing our best for Home Missions.

L. H. Greene, P. L. Johnson, Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ever since Christ gave to His followers the great commission, it has been obligatory upon them to carry it out. However we face the fact that after almost 1900 years have elapsed, more than half of earth's inhabitants are yet without a saving knowledge of Christ.

When the Duke of Wellington was asked whether a Christian should support Foreign Missions, he said to the inquirer, "What are your marching orders?" The answer was "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Iron Duke then answered, a loyal soldier cannot but obey orders.

Jesus said "If you love me you will keep my commandments."

The soul in heathen lands is just as dear to the heart of God as any other soul. God's only way of carrying the good news to the heathen is through his children. We cannot all go ourselves but we can help to care for those who can go. God holds us responsible for the right use of our means.

Baptists who hoard up money or spend it for luxuries, or pleasures of life, or intoxicants, drugs, cigaretts or tobacco and snuff, and give nothing or a mere trifle, to save a lost world, are letting souls perish in hell and running a narrow risk of being cast away from God's presence. Since the world is now a community and the heathen is our next door neighbor. The churches of N. C. and of Avery county association should all give liberally to carry the gospel to every crea-

ture and increase its contributions yearly.

A. W. McDaniel, E. M. Johnson.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by W. R. Beach and spoken to by T. W. Keller, W. R. Beach and J. H. Farthing.

Report was unanimously adopted.

A collection was taken for Ministerial Relief in favor of Rev. T. M. Reid amounting to $3.93 and sent to him by his son, L. G. Reid.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Ministerial Relief brings to our attention one of the object that appeals most to our sympathy and one that should be loyally supported.

Many preachers who have wrought nobly are not able now to support themselves, and the Lord is allowing them to remain as a benediction to us and keep us linked to the past. Through the noble sacrifice of these men of God we have become the great denomination we now are, and we have entered into their labors.

We now have about 38 beneficiaries receiving from $40. to $200. each and $210 is sent back to this association.

We would urge our churches to make a Christmas offering on the Sunday nearest Christmas that the regular church service comes.

Respectfully submitted. T. W. Keller.

Report on Education was read by R. T. Lewis, and spoken to by W. A. Braswell and same was adopted.

EDUCATION.

There has been great progress made in education in the State in the last decade in both State and denominational schools in both in equipment and efficiency of teachers. But as we are destitute of a Baptist school in Avery county, we earnestly urge our people to rally to the support of our public schools both primary and the county high schools at Elk Park and Newland.

Every effort possible should be made by our people to secure high minded Christian teachers to teach in the public schools of the county so that the young minds may be properly trained.

We recommend to those desiring to attend a denominational school The Mitchell Collegiate Institute and Wake Forest College.

R. T. Lewis, J. L. Pyatte, W. A. Braswell.

Dismissed till 9 o'clock Sept. 24, by prayer.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 24.

Association met at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by W. H. Ollis by reading Romans 16 chapt. and commenting therefrom. Prayer was offered by J. W. Hall. Singing and prayer by E. M. Johnson. The regular order of business was then taken up.

Minutes of preceeding day's session were read and approved.

Report on temperance was read by John Norris, and adopted and spoken to by Jno. Norris, E. M. Johnson J. H. Farthing, Dr. C. G. Bryant

TEMPERANCE.

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Temperance consists of a moderate use of things good, and abstainance from that

which is bad. Local option and State-wide prohibition have done much to suppress this great evil. It is the opinion of your Committee that national prohibition can give us what we need and desire.

John Norris, Chmn.

Report on Sunday schools read and spoken to by J. H. Farthing.

Report was adopted. 8

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School, as it is now carried on by the churches, has proven a great power in developing the churches and bringing the lost to Christ. A large percent. of those being saved and joining our churches come from the Sunday schools.

We do earnestly recommend that all the churches keep your Sabbath schools open twelve months in the year with the best teachers possible. Let the great motive be in teaching every lesson to develop the child of God and to bring the lost to Christ.

J. H. Farthing, R. T. Lewis.

Report on Finance was read by the Clerk, and it was found that there was not enough minute fund, and a collection was taken which amounted to 85 cents.

FINANCE.

We your committee on finance beg leave to report the following Minute Fund by each church:

Big Meadows	$ .65	Mineapolis	$ .90	Newland	$.40
Crossmore	.55	Pleasant Hill	1.10	Mt Pleasant	.35
Jonas Ridge	75	RoaringCreek	.75	Yellow Mt.	1.25
Green Valley	1.20	Aaron	.60	Total	$8.50.

We find that this amount of money is not enough to pay for the printing of the Minutes, as we are now in debt for last year's minutes $3.00 which must be paid, and that it will take at least $18.00 to get 500 minutes printed. Also, the Clerk did his work last year free; and we recommend that each church pay its pro rata part to this fund and send it to the Clerk later on. If they cannot pay it now it will take much more to get this work done. We recommend that the Clerk has $5.00 for his services.

The following was paid in for State Missions: Pleasant Hill, $10.

The following for Home Missions: Pleasant Hill $10; Green Valley $4; Mineapolis $1.75; Yellow Mt. .70. Total, 16.45.

Foreign Missions: Pleasant Hill $5.00.

For Orphanage: Green Valley $5.10.

Respectfully submitted. H. R. Buchanan, D. T. Weatherman.

Report was adopted.

Association adjourned for preaching, by a prayer led by J. W. Hall

Rev. John Norris preached an interesting sermon. Text: Heb 11: 6.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock by W. H. Ollis in a word of prayer.

EVENING SESSION, Sept. 24.

Association met promptly at 1 o'clock. Opened by singing and

prayer by E. M. Johnson, then took regular order of business.

Report of committee on State of the Churches, read by Isaiah Moody. Moved that the Report be adopted.

Spoken to by Isaiah Moody, J. L. Pyatt, and W. H. Ollis.

Report was adopted. 9

REPORT on STATE of the CHURCHES.

So far as our observation extends, we find that the churches are at a point to day where they are on a stand still, because we have not the spirit of giving as free as we should have. We are not having the revivals that we should have. We need to have more able and better equipped ministers for future service in our church work, and we feel that our people are not doing what they should for their pastors.

We recommend that the churches should double the salaries of their pastors and improve their mission work, and pray mightily for the revival spirit in our churches that the people should do mor for God's cause and kingdom, and we do pray that the people will wake up in Avery county and go to work for God as well as them selves.

Respectfully, Isaiah Moody, J. L. Pyatte, Enoch Cornelle.

Report on Orhanage was read by J. W. Hall.

Moved that the Report be adopted, and spoken to byJ. W. Hall and D. Buchanan Report was adopted

Move and second, that each church pay $5.00 to the Orphanage and as much more ts they can.

REPORT on ORPHANAGE.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in his ministry what he would have us be. He empasized things fundamental and cast the program for all ages. He glorified childhood and so related his gospel to the phys ical wants of life that we can not hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. We now have fifty down there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasvill, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children and we provide for those that are at the Kennedy Home, the current expenses must be increased $10.000 over last year. Will this association not endeavor to raise not less than $100?

Since the reception of the first child Nov. 11, 1885, 1516 children have been enrolled and the present number is 480. Average cost per $107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

We would again urge and recommend: (1) That every Sunday school set aside one Sunday in the month as Orphanage day: (2) A club of Charity & Children in the Sunday school and an individual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday school; (3) A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of WORK DAY, giving not less than one days work to the Orphanage. We would suggest that in many churches it is best to select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving day to hold this special service.

This can be done to advantage on country fields.

Finally brethren, let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the appeal of the larger orphanage and remember as we save the child we not only save the State but we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness. J. W Hall.

Resolutions was offered, and read by W. H. Ollis.

RESOLUTION, No. 1.

Where as it is a custom for so many Delegates to leave the association on the 2nd day, and where as it is almost impossible to maintain a quorum to transact the business of the association, Therefore be it Resolved by the Avery Co. Baptist Association, that the roll of Delegates be called on the third day and all absentees be marked and their names be not inserted in the Minutes of the association.

Be it further resolved That we request the churches to send delegates that will remain until the association adjourns.

Respectfully, W. H. Ollis, J. W. Hall, D. T. Weatherman.

Resolved, That the thanks of the association is due, and is hereby tendered, to the brethren, and sisters, and the entire community, for their Kindness and Hospitality, and the able manner, in which they have entertained the body.

W. H. Ollis.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Resolved; That it is the sense of this body that these be appointed an Executive committee of Three active and discreet Brethren, who shall have charge of Our Mission Work, in cooperation with our State Mission Board.

Respectly, W. H. Ollis.

Executive Committee: W. H. Ollis, Ch.,
J. L. Pyatte,
P. L. Johnson.

Moved that all resolutions be adopted.

REPORT on TIME and PLACE.

As committee on Time and Place of the next meeting of this body, we have carefully considered each application, and recommend that we meet with Jonas Ridge Baptist church, next session, on Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1915.

J. W. Carpenter, Ch.,
T. W. Keller
H. R. Buchanan,
T. W. Childers,
L. G. Reid.

Report of Com. on Woman's Work, was read, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Ever since God has been working with the human race, He has given a large and important place to women.

Jochebed, Miriam, Debora, Esther, Ruth, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary Priscilla, Dorcas, and Lydia, in Bible times, Morieca, Hannah Mevre Susannah Wesley, Madaure De Guyon, Fanny Crosby, Francis Willard, Eva Booth and scores of others in modern times have well demonstrated the capacity and ability of consecrated women, and the inestimable value of their work. 11

In all of our churches the women furnish the majority of church members. They furnish wives for our ministers, and they rear and train and influence boys for the ministry. They furnish the large majority of our Sunday school teachers and day-school teachers and thus are molding the men and women of the future.

Seeing that these things are so and recognizing that in union and organization there is strength, we your committee desire to emphasize the importance of organized women's work, and to urge the organization of the women of each church of this association.

Thousands of our Baptist churches have women's societies, and are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for home expenses and benevolence. They are supporting thousands of missionaries, in Home and Foreign lands, and are educating hundreds of young women for the work. The women of N. C. have many organizations and are doing much good work. They are trying to raise $42,000, for next year.

We would urge the women of each church, to see to it, that each church should take an offering for each of our benevolences next year.

A. W. McDaniel, L. H. Green,
Mrs. C. G. Bryan, L. N. Hall.

DELEGATES NAMES.

The following Delegates names were enrolled.

Arron—T W Childress.
Big Meadows—A J Dyson, Daniel Philip, and Z D Pyatte.
Crossmore—P L Johnson, Enoch Cornette.
Green Valley—W H Ollis, D T Weatherman.
Jonas Ridge—L C Shell, T W Keller, L G Reid.
Mt. Pleasant—J W Carpenter, Harrison Burleson.
Minneapolis—W W Pyatte
Newland—C G Bryant.
Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, John Hicks, N A Buchanan.
Roaring Creek - R T Lewis
Yellow Mt.—D Buchanan, H R Buchanan

Chairman of COMMITTEES for next year.

State Missions, W H Ollis — Home Missions, J W Hall.
Foreign Missions, Isiah Moody. — Education, Roby Lewis.
Ministerial Relief, W M Braswell. — Temperance, Lewis Hall.
Biblical Recorder, E M Johnson. — Obituaries, W A Braswell.

Orphanage, J W Keller. Woman's Work, Mrs Bryant.
State of Churches, J L Pyatte. Sunday Schools, Preston Johnson.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.

Roan Mt.—W H Ollis, Isaiah Moody, R T Lewis.
Watauga—D Buchanan, W A Braswell
Baptist State Convention—W. H. Ollis. Alternate, E.M.Johnson.
Holston—J. W. Hall.
Three Forks—W. H. Ollis, J. W. Hall.
Catawba—L. D. Shell, W. H. Ollis.

FINANCIAL TABLE. CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building & Repairs	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	Associa. Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.
Aaron	00.00	0.00	2.50	12.00	0.00	.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.00	15.10
Big Meadows	36.40	60.00	25.00		5.00	.65							127.05
Crossmore	40.15			18.00		.55							58.70
Green Valley	60.00			4.00	5.00	1.20		5.00	2.00	2.00	5.10		84.30
Jonas Ridge	50.00			3.50		.75		5.00			16.50		74.75
Mt. Pleasant	48.00	35.00		2.00		.35		2.00			5.00		92.35
Minneapolis	50.00	1200.00		11.91		.55			1.75				1264.21
Newland		100.00		2.00		.40		13.00					113.40
Pleasant Hill	184.75		26.40	75.00	75.00	1.10		10.00	10.00	5.00	20.00		405.75
Rearing Creek	24.78			65.00	10.00	.75	5.00						105.03
Yellow Mt.	100.00			13.50	4.00	1.25			.70		5.00	40.92	165.47
Cranberry	No report.												
Henson Creek	No report.												
Elk Park	No report.												

Statistical Table

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	Isaiah Moody	Minneapolis.	Harry Ledford	Montezuma.	2	300	0	0	0	2	0	1	.....	.....	30
Big Meadows	W. A. Braswell	Montezuma.	Z. D. Pyatte	Pyatte.	4	600	0	0	1	1	0	0	20	40	60
Crossmore	N. S. Hampton	Blowing Rock.	P. L. Johnson	Crossmore.	1	1000	0	6	0	0	0	0	47	62	109
Green Valley	L. H. Green	Bakersville.	J. A. Weatherman	Ingalls.	3	300	0	0	1	0	0	0	.....	.....	67
Jonas Ridge	W. A. Braswell	Montezuma.	L. G. Reid	Jonas Ridge.	1	400	8	1	1	0	0	1	20	30	50
Mt. Pleasant	E. M. Johnson	Newland.	J. W. Carpenter	Hughs.		400	0	0	0	0	1	1	.....	.....	117
Minneapolis	J. W. Hall	Minneapolis.	W. W. Pyatte	Minneapolis	3	1200	2	2	1	0	0	0	12	27	49
Newland	E. M. Johnson	Newland.	C. G. Bryant	Newland.	..	100	0	4	0	4	0	0	23	30	53
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Green	Bakersville.	Luther Ollis	Frank.	2	1585	7	0	3	1	0	2	93	95	188
Roaring Creek	S. A. Hughs	Valley.	J. G. Hughs	Valley.	3	150	0	0	0	0	2	2	54	76	130
Yellow Mt.	L. H. Green	Bakersville.	V. Stafford	Spear.	2	750	24	4	2	4	4	2	35	83	118
Cranberry	No report.														
Henson Creek	No report.														
Elk Park	No report.														

Sunday School Table.

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	N. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church members in S. S.	Months open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aaron	Sid Sadderth	Montezuma.	S. J. Braswell	Montezuma.	1	5	60	65	6	12	0	12.00	00.00	2.50	14.50
Big Meadows	L. Phillips	Pyatte.													
Crossmore	P. L. Johnson	Crossmore.	Mrs. Laura Clark	Crossmore.	1	10	75	135	60	12		13.00		5.00	18.00
Green Valley	J. A. Weatherman	Ingalls.	Fritz Hall	Spruce Pine.	1	5	60		13	9		4.00			4.00
Jonas Ridge	T. W. Keller	Jonas Ridge.	Lloyd Barrier	Jonas Ridge.	1	6	85	91	45	12		3.50			3.50
Mt. Pleasant												2.00			2.00
Minneapolis	Isaiah Moody	Minneapolis.	W. W. Pyatte	Minneapolis.	1	7	90	97	25	12	2	9.57		2.34	11.91
Newland												2.00			2.00
Pleasant Hill	Luther Ollis	Frank.	Florence Hicks	Frank.	1	8	110		75	12		60.00	20.00		80.00
Roaring Creek	R. T. Louis	Valley.	J. G. Hughs	Valley.	1	10	102	112	50	12		65.00			65.00
Yellow Mt.	V. Stafford	Spear.	D. Buchanan	Spear.	1	6	54	60	15	12		13.50	1.50		15.00
Cranberry	No report.														
Henson Creek	No report.														
Elk Park	No report.														

Moved that this association close by singing "God be with you till we meet again." Closed by a prayer led by Rev. J. W. Hall.

D. BUCHANAN, Clerk. C. G. BRYANT, Moderator.

MINUTES

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention,

HELD WITH

ROARING CREEK CHURCH

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 1915.

The next session of this Convention will convene with Minneapolis Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1915.

J. N. Hall to preach the Introductory sermon.

Valley, N. C., Aug. 14, 1914.

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met today with Roaring Creek Baptist Church, and organized by electing Rev. W. H. Ollis temporary President, and R. T. Lewis temporary Secretary. The President appointed the following Committee on Program: Preston Johnson, Arizona Hughs, J. L. Pyatte, with Pres. and Sec.

On motion, took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 1st Day.

Convention met according to adjournment. Choir spent 15 minutes in singing.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ollis. P. L. Johnson and J. L. Pyatte were appointed reading clerks, who read letters from 6 Sunday schools.

Delegates names enrolled as follows:

Roaring Creek—R. T. Lewis, Garfield Hughes, Arizona Hughes, Birdie Burleson. Lillie Hughes, D. A. Hughes, and Jeffie Hughes.

Big Meadows—J. L. Pyatte, Miss C. J. Pyatte, Miss Nettie Benfield Miss Fannie Carpenter, and Beatrice Johnson.

Crossmore— Brack Benfield, Steve Johnson, and P. L. Johnson.

Minneapolis—Rev. J. W. Hall, and J. W. Burleson.

Green Valley—Rev. W. H. Ollis

Pleasant Hill—John Hicks, B. A. Ollis, C. T. Hicks, Florence Hicks and Minnie Buchanan.

The Convention proceeded to elect a permanent President and Secretary. R. T. Lewis was elected President. and Arizona Hughes Secretary. On motion the following Committees were appointed:

On Resolutions,—J. L. Pyatte, B. A. Ollis, and Fred McKinney.

Temperance,—W. H. Ollis, S. A. Hughes, and Dona Earley.

Orphanage,—P. L. Johnson, Steve Johnson, and W. H. Ollis.

Woman's Work,—Arizona Hughes, Birdie Burleson, Nettie Benfield, A. F. McKinney, and J. L. Pyatte.

Finance,—Jeffie Hughes, P. L. Johnson, and B. A. Ollis.

Time and Place,—John Hicks. A. F. McKinney, P. L. Johnson.

On motion the report on program was received as follows:

We your Committee on program beg leave to submit the following:

1. What influence for good does the Sunday School wield, for community, State, and Nation?

2. Who should attend Sunday School, and why?

3. What are some of the best methods for a successful Sunday School?

4. What are ideal S. S. Superintendents and Teachers?

5. What can be done to get a larger percent. of church members to attend Sunday School?

The first question was ably discussed by J. L. Pyatte. W. H. Ollis and S. A. Hughes. The choir sang a song, after which the delegates were assigned homes by the President. The convention then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

2d. Day, SATURDAY, AUG. 15.

Convention met persuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in song and prayer service. Rev. W. H. Ollis read a scripture lesson, and led the convention in prayer. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The second question on the program was took up and spoken to by P. L. Johnson and Rev. W. H. Ollis. After a song by the choir the Third question was took up and interestingly discussed by J. L. Pyatte and W. H. Ollis. After singing by the choir, the Fourth question was ably discussed by P. L. Johnson and Rev. J. W. Hall..

After singing, the Convention took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTER NOON SESSION

Convention met according to adjournment. Choir spent 10 minutes in good singing. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Hall. President called the Convention to order, and the Secretary called the roll, and marked absentees as above recorded, after which the Report on Temperance was read by W. H. Ollis as follows:

REPORT on TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance make the following report.

We understand temperance to mean the moderate use of all things that are lawful and expedient, and the abstainance from those things which are unnecessary and destructive. To live temperately will add to human life, health, peace, happiness, and length of days. To live intemperately brings disease, misery, discontent, weakness, and a premature grave.

We believe the manufacture and traffic, and use of alcoholic liquors to be one of the greatest and most destructive enemies of humanity. We believe, as the light of the world, the Church and S.S. should sympathize with, and encourage, our Anti-saloon League,

and all other prohibitory measures that tend to check the great destroyer, and that we should create sentiment that will ultimately find expression in State and National laws that will prohibit liquor from being shipped into our State from abroad. Let us press the fight against the foe until victory shall have been won for Christ and humanity. We recommend that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to draw a suitable resolution memorializing the Congress of the U. S. to submit an amendment to the Federal constitution, prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors in the U. S. for beverage purposes.

Respectfully submitted. W. H. Ollis, S. A. Hughes, Dona Early, } Committee.

The foregoing report was ably discussed by Revs. W. H. Ollis and J. W. Hall. The report was adopted. The finance committee reported that they had received $3.55 cts. from the various S. schools.

Committee on Time and Place reported that the next session will be held with Minneapolis church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in Aug. 1915, and that Rev. J. W. Hall preach the Introductory Sermon.

Report of the Committee on Orphanage read and adopted.

After a song by three girls, the convention adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

3rd day, SUNDAY, August 16.

Convention met in Sunday School mass meeting. International lesson read by the school. Prayer by Rev. S. A. Hughes. Choir furnished good music.

The Committee on Woman's Work reported as follows:

As yet we have no society organized by the women of Avery Co., but we sincerely hope that the Christian women of the Baptist S. S. and Churches of Avery will organize to promote this most needed work. Women have a greater influence than men. Women have taken the lead in all movements that have been for the betterment of the human race. Time would fail us to speak of the great workers, such as Madam Frances E. Willard and Jane Adams, who have spent their time in life to uplift others. Let us encourage the women to go on in the great good work, until the world is made better and brighter, and humanity has no sobs to quell, nor tears to dry.

Respectfully,
J. L. Pyatte, Arizona Hughes, A. F. McKinney,
Nettie Benfield, Birdie Burleson, Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. W. H. Ollis and adopted.

The fifth question on program was discussed by Rev. S. A. Hughes A resolution of thanks to this church and community for their kind-

ness was read by W. H. Ollis, and adopted.

Thus ended the first session of the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

R. T. Lewis, President,
Valley, N. C.

Arizona Hughes, Secretary.
Spear, N. C.

Sunday School Table

CHURCH	SUPT.	SECRETARY	P. O.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Fund for Minutes	Other Expenses	Months kept Open.
Roaring Creek	R. T. Lewis.	Garfield Hughes,	Valley, N.C.	14	110	80	.70	$62.05	12
Big Meadows	D. M. Phillips.	C. J. Pyatte,	Pyatte, "	8	125	85	.60	6.84	12
Crossnore	Preston Johnson	Laura Clark,	Crossnore, "	5	145	75		13.05	12
Green Valley	J. A. Weatherman.	Fritz Hall,	Ingalls, "	5	60	45	.75	4.00	9
Pleasant Hill	Luther Ollis.	Florence Hicks,	Minneapolis, "	8	150	110	1.00	67.30	
Minneapolis	Isaiah Moody.	W. W. Pyatte,	Minneapolis, "	7	90		.50	11.28	12

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AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MET WITH

JONAS RIDGE CHURCH

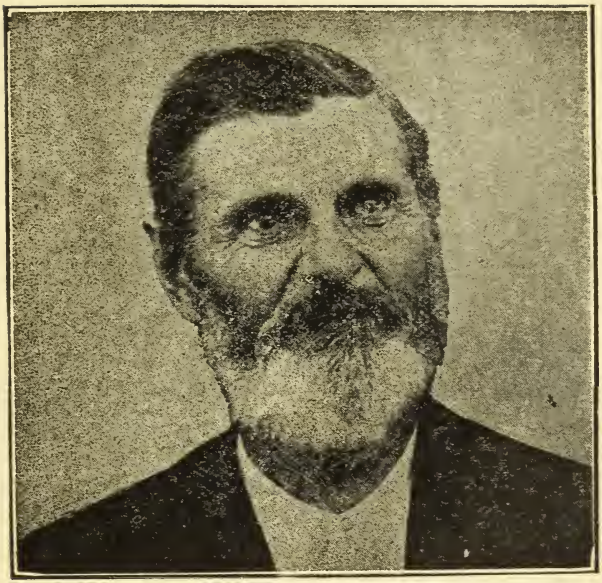
OCT. 5, 6, & 7, 1915,

In its Fourth Annual Session

REV. W. H. OLLIS, - MODERATOR.
D. BUCHANAN, - CLERK.

The next session will be held with Yellow Mt. Baptist Church at Spear, N. C., 12 miles north of Spruce Pine, beginning on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1916 L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory sermon: W. H. Ollis, alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.



REV. W. H. OLLIS.
Born Sept. 11, 1840.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day's Session, Oct. 5, 1915.

Association was called to order by W. H. Ollis. After singing & prayer, Rev G. A. Martin preached the Introductory Sermon. Text, Hebrews 11: 23-29, (as Bro. Ollis was not able,) after which in the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk appointed W. H. Ollis Moderator pro tem. Adjourned till 1: 30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, Oct. 5.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Buchanan.

Church letters were called for. R. T. Louis and M. L. Buchanan were appointed reading clerks, and letters were read from the following churches: Aaron, Big Meadows, Crossmore, Cranberry, Green Valley, Jonas Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Roaring Creek, Yellow Mt., Minneapolis, Pleasant Hill.

In behalf of the association, all brethren present were invited to seats. Rev. G. A. Martin, representing the Thomasville Orphanage and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw representing State Missions, Rev. John Norris from Three Forks, and Revs. M. L. and Alfonzo Buchannan, from Roan Mountain associations were invited to seats.

The regular organization was then taken up.

It was moved and seconded that we elect officers by acclamation; and also moved and seconded that we elect by ballot, was put before the house, and first motion carried.

W. H. Ollis was nominated, and it was moved and seconded that M. L. Buchanan cast the vote of the entire association for Moderator

It was moved and seconded that D. Buchanan be Clerk. Moved and seconded that W. R. Bradshaw cast the entire vote of the association for Clerk.

Called for newly constituted churches and letters were handed in from Powdermill and Chestnutdale. W. R. Bradshaw, John Norris, and J. A. Weatherman were appointed committee, and recommended that these churches be received into our body. Motion carried.

Report on State Missions was then called for. Report was read by W. H. Ollis. Motion that it be received. Spoken to by W. R. Bradshaw in a very earnest appeal. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

It has been truly said that Missions, no matter of what name, or where located, are all one; they are all of the same nature, for missions means giving the blessed Gospel of the Son of God to the lost, anywhere and everywhere. And it is good to emphasize this truth, that men may realize and follow the true Spirit and broadness of Him who "so loved the world" and who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But we must never close

our eyes to the fact that State Missions The Gospel to our own people, stands at the head of the line, and that by divine appointment. "Go," He said, but "beginning at Jerusalem." Yes, always beginning among our own people, in our own community, in our own State. Give the Gospel to the world, but begin at your own door. And this order is fixed, this decree has never been changed. State Missions is the first duty of every body of Christians, and will remain as their first obedience to their Lord to the end of time. We may not be able to interpret the divine purpose in this arrangement of our mission work, but we can at least with faith obey the Lord of the harvest in doing whatsoever He has commanded us. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Ollis, W. R. Bradshaw.

Pledges were taken for State Missions as follows:

Aaron $3.00, Crossmore $5.00, Cranberry $5.00, Green Valley $5 Jonas Ridge $5.00, Mt. Pleasant $3.00, Roaring Creek $4.00, Yellow Mt. $5 00, Chestnutdale $2.00, Powdermill $5.00, Pleasant Hill $10 00.

Committes were appointed as follows:

State Missions—W. H. Ollis, W. R. Bradshaw.

Foreign Missions—J L Pyatte T W Keller.

Ministerial Relief—W M Braswell, John Norris.

Periodicals—W S Sudderth, Wm Benfield.

Home Missions—L W Hall, L C Shell.

Education—R T Louis, J L Pyatte.

Temperance—T W Keller, Alfonso Buchanan.

Obituaries—Louis Reid, Daniel Phillips.

State of Churches—J L Pyatte, Vester Stafford.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Louisa Ollis, W S Sudderth.

Finance—D T Weatherman, H S Burleson.

Destitution—L W Hall, L J Oaks.

Resolutions—M L Buchanan, Louis Reid.

Sunday Schools—R T Louis, J A Weatherman.

Time and Place—Vester Stafford, J L Pyatte, W T Sudderth, D F Weatherman.

Executive Committee—W H Ollis, J L Pyatte, N A Buchanan.

Report on Thomasville Orphanage read by T W Keller. Moved that the report be received. Spoken to by T W Keller and G A Martin

REPORT on ORPHANAGE.

The institution was founded a little more than 30 years ago. During its glorious existance it has cared for more than 1,600 children. It now has 500 children under its sheltering roof—450 at Thomasville and 50 at the Kennedy Home. The total cost of each child is a little more than $115.00 per year. This is not high when you consider the fact that a large part of their support must be bought. Then too, we have to keep school open ten months in the year so that each child may get a five months school— half of them going to school in the forenoon and the other half working, the order changing for the afternoon. These are your own children and the Orphanage is your

own institution. Our Master has said "In as much as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." This is a good place to give a cup of cold water in the Master's name.

We would beg therefore that every Sunday school set aside one Sunday in each month to be known as Orphanage day.

That each Sunday school take club of Charity and Children, and that every church take a Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage, seeking to get as much as the price of one day's work from everybody. Respectfully submitted.

T. W. Keller, G. A. Martin.

Delegates were assigned homes. Moved that the Association adjourn till Wednesday. Singing. Prayer by John Norris.

Dismissed by W. R. Bradshaw.

W. R. Bradshaw preached Tuesday night.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Oct. 6.

Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by M. L. Buchanan by reading Luke 18: 1–14, and commenting from same.

Moderator then took charge, and discussion was resumed on Orphanage by J. A. Weatherman, Louis Hall, John Norris, and Landon Shell. Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee from each church to look after a donation for the orphanage.

Report was adopted.

Brethren W. M. Cannon of Three Forks associstion, and W. C. Franklin of the M. E. church, were invited to seats.

Pledges were taken for the Orphanage as follows: Aarro $3.00, Big Meadows 10.00, Crossmore 5.00, Cranberry 10.00, Elk Park 5.00 Green Valley 6.00, Jonas Ridge 20.00, Mt. Pleasant 6.00, Minneapolis 10.00, Pleasant Hill 5 00, Roaring Creek 10.00, Yellow Mt. 15.-00, Chestnutdale 5.00, Pleasant Hill 5.00, Pleasant Valley 6.00.

Zionville, N. C., Aug. 25, 1915.

The Three Forks Association now in session, to the Avery County Association, Greeting: This is to certify that Pleasant Valley church is a member of this body, in good standing, and at their own request are dismissed from us when united with you.

May the blessings of God abundantly rest on you and them.

Done by order of the association. J. J. L. Sherwood,

W. Y. Perry, *Clerk.* *Moderator.*

Letter from Pleasant Valley asking to be received into our association. Motion carried and church was received.

REPORT on EDUCATION.

We point with pride to the phenominal advancement that is being made in the Public Schools of our county. Both in better houses and efficiency of teachers. We find by the records that the average attendance has increased over 40 per cent. in the past two years, and illiteracy has diminished over 50 per cent. in the same period of time

with the children of our county. However we find by the census of the adult population of the county by the school authorities that there are about 30 per cent. of the adult population of the county that cannot read and write. This is a condition that should not exist, and we urge the Baptists of this association to use every means possible to wipe out this stigma on our county.

We recommend and urge the Board of Education of Avery county to establish moon light schools in every district in the county for the illiterate adults to attend in order that the per cent. of illiteracy may be reduced. We ask the support of the various churches of Avery association in this undertaking if it is inaugurated by the school authorities of the county.

We recommend those seeking a higher education in a denominational institution, the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, and Wake Forest College.

Roby T. Lewis, Chmn., J. L. Pyatte, Committee.

Report on Obituaries read by Louis Reid, and adopted.

OBITUARY.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to report, that ever since our fore father, Adam, transgressed God's laws in the garden of Eden, death has been abroad in the land. When Adam was beguiled and did eat of the forbidden fruit, this brought about sin and death but God the Father, looking down with pity and compassion, it grieved him. Then there began a search. Heaven was searched, the earth was searched, and beneath the earth was searched, and there was not one found worthy to give as a sacrafice to redeem fallen man but the meek and lowly Son of God.

Brethren, it is not so much to die if we are in possession of that living faith that will carry us beyond this vale of tears and sorrow.

Since the last meeting of the Avery County association, God has seen fit in his wisdom to call from us one of his servants, Rev. T. M. Reid. a loving father, a devoted servant, a child of God. He was 56 years old. He has rode over these hills and down these valleys, preaching Christ to lost men and women for more than 30 years.

Brethren, lets not forget those who have labored among us for the salvation of souls, although they may have passed out from among us, they are basking in the sunlight of a Savior's love.

Lewis Reid, Chmn. Daniel Phillips, Com.

Report on S. S. read by R. T. Lewis. Moved that report be received. Spoken to by W. S. Sudderth, W. C. Franklin and L. W. Hall. Report was adopted.

REPORT on SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school as now carried on, has proven a great power in the advancement of the church. We find that about 90 per cent. of the conversions and additions to the church come from the Sunday schools; and a large percent. of the contributions to the Orphanage and other mission objects from and by the working of the Sunday school. We earnestly urge that all the churches of this association carry on an evergreen Sunday school, and send representatives and statistics to the County S. S, Convention next year.

R. T. Lewis, J. A. Weatherman, Com.

5 Report on Periodicals read by W. H. Ollis, and was received. Spoken to by him, also J. L. Pyatte and W. S. Sudderth. Adopted.

PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder has been the principal exponent for the Baptist State Convention for more than four score years, and has sought to be true to its name in every particular.

It has fostered every movement that has meant the moral, educational, and spiritual uplift of our people.

Moreover, this is a reading age and the papers and books that come into out homes should be carefully selected, and the best to be obtained should be admitted to our homes Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Benfield, Chmn., W. S. Sudderth.

Adjourned by M. L. Buchanan till 1: 30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, Oct. 6.

Met according to adjournment. Singing, and prayer by Rev. W. C. Franklin. Regular business taken up.

Report on Ministers' Relief was read by the Clerk and received. Spoken to by John Norris. Report was adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Ministers' relief brings to our attention one of the objects that should appeal to us, and one that we should support most loylly.

Many of our preachers have passed the mark where they are no more able to travel and do the Lord's work, and we feel that this is one object that we should support, and help them and their widows in their old days, and we feel that a great deal of honor should be paid to their labors. We now have 33 beneficiaries in this State, drawing from the fund, and we recommend that all widows and ministers that are entitled to this fund should have it.

W. M. Braswell, John Norris.

Report on Woman's Work read by Mrs. Louisa Ollis and received. Spoken to by W. S. Sudderth and L. W. Hall, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Ever since God has been working with the human race it gives me the pleasure that God has a place and a work for us women. In all of our churches the women furnish a majority of church members. They furnish a large majority of Sunday school teachers that are training boys and girls to work for our blessed Lord in the future Thousands of the Baptist churches now have women's societies and raising thousands of dollars and are supporting hundreds of missionaries in home and foreign lands, and we rejoice in the Lord to know that God gives us women a place in His vineyard to work and to do something for the cause of the Lord who gave himself for us, and we urge the women of each church to see that a collection is taken and see what we can get for the Lord next year. Let us pray that God will prosper us and give us the richest blessings in the coming year.

Mrs. Louisa Ollis, Chmn., W. S. Sudderth.

Report on Temperance was read by T. W. Keller, and received.

Resolution on Temperance was read by M. L. Buchanan, and received. Spoken to by W. C. Franklin, M. L. Buchanan, T. W.

Keller, D. Buchanan, W. S. Sudderth, J. A. Weatherman, and W. H. Ollis Moved and seconded that the report of com. and resolution both be adopted.

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TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of all things that are lawful and expedient, and to abstain from those things which are unnecessary and destructive. To live temperately will add to human life health, peace, happiness, and length of days. To live intemperately brings disease, misery, discontent, weakness, and a premature grave.

We believe the manufacture and traffic and use of alcoholic liquor to be one of the greatest and most destructive enemies of humanity.

Let us encourage the anti-saloon League, and all other prohibitory measures that tend to check the great destroyer. Respectfully.

T. W. Keller, Alfonzo Buchanan, Com.

RESOLUTION.

That whereas, Public drunkenness and illicit distilling are detrimental to the morals and respectability of our beloved County, and whereas, it is our duty to urgently insist upon a rigid enforcement of our laws relative to public drunkenness; and whereas, it appears that some of our public officers have not been as dilligent as they should be in apprehending criminals; and whereas it appears that a helping hand has in some instances, even been extended to some violators of the law, and the wishes of some of our best citizens have in some instances, been directly or indirectly ignored.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, in the name of God, take this matter in charge and stand firmly together and insist upon a rigid enforcement of our laws relative to to the above named offenses, and further, that we stand firmly together in our fight against this great evil, and support no man for office, regardless of politics, who is not known to be sober and an enemy to alcohol and the evils that arise from its use. Respt. submitted.

M. L. Buchanan, J. D. Clark.

Abjourned till 9: 30 o'clock, Thursday Oct. 7.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, Oct. 7.

Met in Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. M. Cannon.

Regular order of busines was taken up, Minutes of preceeding days were read and approved.

Report on Destitution was read by L. W. Hall and received. Spoken to by L. W. Hall, Landon Shell. Supplement to Destitution was offered by the Moderator, ond spoken to by him, as follows:

REPORT on DESTITUTION

We your committee on destitution recommend that this association look after the following places: Newland, Linville City, Elk Park, and Pinola; and that it is the duty of the churches in the bounds of this association to organize churches at all destitute places. Respt.

L. W. Hall, J. L. Pyatte.

Supplement to report on destitution.— After foregoing report it is the sense of this body that we consider propriety of electing a missionary to supply the destitute places, and we pledge him our support,

both in our money and our prayers.

Both adopted. W. H. Ollis.

It was moved and seconded that we appoint a Missionary for Avery County association. Moved and seconded that we endorse Rev. Louis W. Hall as Missionary for this association.

Report on State of Churches was offered and adopted. 7

STATE of CHURCHES.

So far as our observation extends, we find that the churches are at a point today where they are on a stand-still, because we have not the spirit of giving as free as we should have. We are not having the revivals that we should have. We need to have more able and better equipped ministers for future service in our church work, and we feel that our people are not doing what they should for their pastors.

We recommend that the churches should double the salaries of their pastors and improve their mission work, and pray mightily for the revival spirit in our churches that the people should do more for God's cause and kingdom, and we do pray that the people will wake up in Avery county and go to work for God as well as themselves.

J. L. Pyatte, J. W. Hall.

Bro. J. L. Hartley was invited to a seat.

Report on Home Missions was read by L. W. Hall, and received.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by J. L. Pyatte, and received, and discussed together by J. L. Pyatte, Alfonzo Buchan n, L. W. Hall. Reports were adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

When Christ gave to His diciples the great commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel, they should begin at Jerusalem.

We may carry out the great commission by first saving the people at home, and by doing so, we may save the world. We have a million heathens, and heathen Catholics coming to our country every year. We must give them the true gospel of Christ.

We raised $275,000 last year. 20,000 Southern Baptists have united to try to take the South and the world for Christ. There are being built new churches and Sunday schools all over our country to promote the cause of Christ among the ignorant and sinful of our country. It is being done by Southern Baptists.

Now the question is: What are we going to do in 1916 for Home Missions? Respectfully submitted. Louis W. Hall,)

Landon Shell, (Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ in the beginning, gave the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Jesus said: If you love me, you will keep my commands. The souls of men in the foreign lands are just as dear to God as any other souls. God's ways of conveying the good news to foreign lands are through his children and by their means. Since the world is a community, the men in foreign lands are our next door neighbors.

We recommend that the Avery Co. Baptist churches do all they can to send the gospel to them. Respectfully.

J. L. Pyatte, Char., T. W. Keller.

Report on Time and Place was read by J. L. Pyatte and adopted.

8 TIME and PLACE.

We your committee recommend that the next annual meeting of this body meet with Yellow Mountain church, beginning on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1916.

Vester Stafford, J. L. Pyatt, D. F. Weatherman, W. S. Sudderth.

L. W. Hall to preach Introductory Sermon; W. H. Ollis alternate.

Report on Finance was read by H. S. Burleson and adopted, and collection was taken for Minute fund to amount of $1.42.

CLERK'S REPORT 1914.

Minute Fund $8.50. Collection at association, 85 cts.

Collected from churches:

Montezuma	50	Big Meadows	75,	Cranberry	2.00
Crossmore	65	Jonas Ridge	65,	Green Valley	.30
Yellow Mt.	15	Roaring Creek	65,	Henson Creek	.50
Minneapolis	50	Pleasant Hill	90,	S. S. Con.	3.55

Total, $20.45.

Total Expenses:

Clerk's Fees,	$ 5.00
Postage,	.80
Printing 500 Minutes,	16.00
	$ 21.80
	20.45
Due Clerk,	$ 1.35

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following Minute Fund by each church:

Roaring Creek	1.25,	Big Meadows	80,	Pleasant Hill	1.25
Chestnut Dale	.50,	Aaron	70,	Jonas Ridge	1.00
Powder Mill	.75,	Minneapolis	1.00,	Crossmore	1.00
Cranberry	1.10,	Yellow Mt.	1.30,	Green Valley	1.25
Pleasant Valley	.75,	Mt. Pleasant	.52,	Total, $13.70.	

The following was paid for State Missions:

Aaron, $1,30, Yellow Mt. 1.44, Pleasant Hill 6.00. Total, $8.74

Home Missions:

Big Meadows 1.00, Pleasant Hill 5.00, Yellow Mt. 1.71, Green Valley 3.00. Total, - - - - - $10.71

Foreign Missions:

Green Valley 2 00, Pleasnt Hill 5.00, Big Meadows 1.00, total $8.00

We recommend that churches should send more Minute Funds next year, as there is not enough to meet the demands. We find that there is $2.56 short on the needs of Clerk to pay for printing this year. We recommend that the churches meet this needed funds on demand of Clerk. Respectfully submitted.

H. S. Burleson, D. T. Weatherman, Committee.

Chairmen of Committees for 1916.

State Missions—L. W. Hall.

Foreign Missions —Isaiah Moody. Periodicals—Louis Reid.
Ministerial Relief—W. M. Braswell. Home Missions—R. T. Lewis.
Education—J. L. Pyatte. Finance—T. W. Keller.
Obituaries—J. W. Teem. (?) Orphanage—P. L. Johnson.
State of Churches—J. A. Weatherman.
Woman's Work—Mrs. H. R. Buchanan.
Sunday Schools—W. S. Sudderth.

Correspondents to Associations.

Roan Mountain Asst—W. W. Benfield, Isaiah Moody, R.T.Lewis
Three Forks Asst.—D. Buchanan, J. L. Hartley.
Holston Asst.—J. W. Hall.
Catawba River—L. C. Shell, Jacob Teem.(?)
Baptist State Convention—W. H. Ollis and L. W. Hall.

Names of Delegates were called and enrolled as follows:

Names of Delegates.

Aaron—W S Sudderth.

Big Meadows—D M Philips and J L Pyatte.

Cranberry—J L Oaks.

Crossmore—W W Benfield and J L Culbertson.

Chestnutdale—Rev. L W Hall.

Green Valley—W H Ollis, D T Weatherman, Mrs, Louisa Ollis, and J A Weatherman.

Jonas Ridge—Landon Shell, L W Keller, J W Teem, J D Clark.

Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson.

Minneapolis—No Delegates.

Pleasant Hill—Henry Hicks.

Powdermill—Taylor Buchanan, and Claud Stafford.

Pleasant Valley—J L Oaks.

Roaring Creek—R T Lewis.

Yellow Mt.—W M Braswell, Vester Stafford, D Buchanan, Robie Burleson.

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved That the Executive Committee of this association be, and is hereby empowered to investigate rumors that any building committee has misapplied any money, and that they are hereby empowered to demand any books, papers or money that may be in the hands of any person. Also to look after the church property in the town of Newland; also, to bring suit against any parties that do not account for money that has been put into their hands for church purposes.

M. L. Buchanan, J. D. Clark.

We the committee on Resolutions hereby offer the following:

Whereas, it has been reported to this association by some of our correspondents that the moral character of some of our ministers is, to say the least, not commendable, and that whereas it is furher reported that some of the pastors of this association are teaching and preaching doctrines that are not Biblical. We therefore advise and

recommend the churches of this body to be very careful who they have as their shepherd of the flock lest some of the lambs of the fold be led astray and devoured. Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Buchanan; J. D. Clark.

Resolved That the minutes of the Avery Co. Baptist Sunday-school Convention be printed in the minutes of this association, and that the $5.20 minute fund they have, shall be applied on paying for printing of minutes. Respectfully submitted, R. T. Lewis.

A RESOLUTION of THANKS.

Resolved That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality during the session of this association. Respectfully,

M. L. Buchanan, J. D. Clark, Com.

The meeting of this association was a success in every way, and we earnestly hope that all churches will carry out their pledges etc. and that we will have a successful year to report in 1916. (Clerk.)

Rev. W. H. Ollis, Mod.

D. Buchanan, Clerk.

Ministers of Association

ORDAINED.	P. O.	LICENTIATES.
W. H. Ollis	Ingalls	McCoy Franklin.
S A Hughs	Hughs	H M Benfield
W M Gardner	Valley	J W Carpenter
E A Stamy	Pyatte	
S M Pitman	Frank	
J A Sparks	Minneapolis	
J W Hall	"	
L W. Hall	Hughs	
Isaiah Moody	Minneapolis	
James Franklin	Minneapolis	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Lost: By Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	J. W. Hall	Mineapolis	H. K. Ledford	Montezuma	4 s	300	..	..	..	1	..	1	16	20	36
Big Meadows	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	1	600	23	6	4	3	..	1	39	51	90
Crossmore	N S Hampton	"	P L Johnson	Crossmore	1	1400	8	7	..	2	1	..	53	72	125
Cranberry	D A Greene	Dark Ridge	R N Cardwell	Cranberry	1					2			26	37	63
Chestnutdale	S M Pitman	Frank	R W Johnson	Hughs	4		16	4					12	13	25
Green Valley	L H Green	Bakersville	J A Weatherman	Ingalls	4	300	14	2	1	4					80
Jonas Ridge	J M Harris	Morganton	L C Shell	Jonas Ridge	4	400	9	1	2			1	23	35	58
Mt. Pleasant			H S Burleson	Hughs	1	400			4	5	3		16	18	34
Minneapolis	C C Cook	Bakersville	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	1300		1					15	26	41
Powdermill	L H Green	"	A L Miller	Senia	2	300	4	30			2	1	13	19	32
Pleasant Hill	L H Green	"	Luther Ollis	Frank	2	1695	21	1	5	3	6		99	100	199
Pleasant Valley	W M Cannon	Elk Park	John Cannon	Elk Park	4	250	5		3	2		1	63	84	147
Roaring Creek	C C Cook	Bakersville	J G Hughs	Valley	3	200	16	1	10	5	7	1	57	84	141
Yellow Mt.	M L Buchanan	"	Vester Stafford	Spear	1	750				2		2	35	81	116
Henson Creek, Elk Park, and Oak Grove—No report.															1187

Financal Table

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron	00.00	000.00	10.00	28.00	2.25	.70	0.00	1.30	0.00	00.00	0.00	00.00	42.25
Big Meadows	36.00	1.00	.50	8.00		.80		1.00	1.00	3.90		23.00	
Crossmore	40.00	75.00	5.00	15.00		1.00	2.00			2.40			140.40
Cranberry	60.00					1.10						30.00	91.10
Green Valley	72.00			6.00	5.00	1.25	6.10	3.00	2.00	6.82			94.10
Jonas Ridge	60.00			5.15		1.00	5.00		5.00	23.50	5.00		104.40
Mt. Pleasant	24.00	20.00		2.50		.52				1.30			
Minneapolis	25.00	10.00		25.00		1.00							
Pleasant Hill	52.41	110.00	36.99	44.13	150.00	1.10	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		40.00	456.42
Roaring Creek	40.00			15.00		1.25							55.00
Yellow Mt.	100.00			11.72	6.00	1.30	1.44	1.69		1.55			122.55
Chestnutdale	50.00		2.00	3.25		.50							55.25
Powdermill	54.25	159.44		6.90	3.50	.75							217.90
Pleasant Valley	36.00			5.00		.75							41.75

Henson Creek, Newland, Elk Park, and Oak Grove,—No report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	total contributions
Aaron	W W Braswell	Montezuma	Harland Ledford	Montezuma	1	8	110	118	15	12	00	28.00	0.00	28.00
Big Meadows	D M Philips	Pyatte	Mrs. J L Pyatte	Pyatte	1	8	75	83	40	12	14	8.00		8.00
Crossmore	P L Johnson	Crossmore	Mrs Lou Clark	Crossmore	1	8	80	135	75	12	7	15.00	2.40	17.40
Cranberry	No Sunday school.													
Chestnutdale	R W Johnson	Hughs	J H Franklin	Hughs	1	6	46	56	20	6		3.25		3.25
Green Valley	J A Weatherman	Linville Falls	Mozuria Weatherman	Linville Falls	1	6	60	66	21	9	8	6.00	6.82	12.82
Jonas Ridge	L G Reid	Jonas Ridge	W M Shuffles	Jonas Ridge	1	8	85	93	45	12		5.15		5.15
Mt. Pleasant	J M Jones	Hughs	H S Burleson	Hughs	1	6	43	49	10	6		2.50	1.30	3.80
Minneapolis	A C Pritchard	Minneapolis	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	7	100	107	28	12		25.00		25.00
Powdermill	A L Miller	Senia	Geo Buchanan	Senia	1	8	60	68				6.90		6.90
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Florence Hicks	Frank	1	11	125	136	80	12		44.13		44.13
Pleasant Valley	J L Cannon	Elk Park	Conley Hodges	Heaton	1	6	40	60	20	6		5.00		5.00
Roaring Creek	R T Lewis	Valley	Arizona Hopson	Valley	1	8	110	118		12	16	15.00		15.00
Yellow Mt.	Vester Stafford	Spear	D Buchanan	Spear	1	6	60	66	12	9		11.72	1.55	13.27
Henson Creek, Elk Park, and Oak Grove,—No report.				Totals		96	992	1088						

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention

HELD WITH

MINNEAPOLIS CHURCH

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 13, 14, 15, 1915.

The next session of this Convention will be held with Montezuma S. S. and Church, beginning on Friday before the 3d Sunday in August, 1916.

Rev. Louis Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Minneapolis, N. C., Aug. 13, 1915.

The Avery Co. Baptist S. S. Con. met with Minneapolis Baptist church. Opened by singing appropriate songs, after which Bro. W. H. Ollis preached the Introductory sermon, (as Bro. J. W. Hall asked to be excused as this was his home church.) His text was Matt. 6 Chap. and 25th verse. Theme: making alife and making a living and a very interesting discourse was delivered, after which Bro. R. T. Lewis President of the Con. took charge, and called the Con. to order, and appointed D. Buchanan Secy. protem.

J. W. Hall and J. L. Pyatte were appointed reading Clerks and interesting letters were read from Big Meadows, Crossmore, Pleasant Hill, Valley, Yellow Mountain, Green Valley, Minneapolis, after which, the present President, R. T. Lewis was elected Pres. and D. Buchanan Secy. for the ensuing year.

Committee on Program: W. H. Ollis, Ch. J. L. Pyatte, H. M. Benfield, with Pres. and Secy , after whieh the Con. adjourned till 2:30 o'clock by J. W. Hall.

Convention met according to adjournment. Called to order.

Singing, and prayer by H. M. Benfield, and singing.

Committee on Program reported the following:

REPORT NO 1.

We your Com. on Program beg to render the following report:

I. Appointment of the various committees.
II. What is a successful Sunday school?
III. Why should every church have an ever-green S. S. and who should attend?
IV. What are some of the best methods of interesting more people to attend S. S. and take part?
V. Limit the time of each speaker to 10 minutes, except by unanimous consent of the convention.
VI. An open box for Questions.
VII. Reports of various committees.

The following Committees were appointed:

Resolutions—J W Hall, Mrs. J L Pyatte, D. Buchanan.

Finance—P L Johnson Ch., H M Benfield, and A C Pritchard.

Orphanage—W H Ollis, Florence Hicks, and C J Pyatte.

Woman's Work—J W Hall Ch., J L Pyatte, Miss Ada Carpenter.

First question was taken up: What is a successful S. S?, and ably discussed by W. H. Ollis, H. M. Benfield, J. L. Pyatte, P. L. Johnson. Question was adopted.

On motion that we adjourn till 9:30 tomorrow on account of the lack of interest in the community.

SATURDAY, Aug. 14, 1915.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by H. M. Benfield by reading a lesson from Matthew 7 Ch. 8th verse and commenting there on. Prayer by Rev. Joseph Sparks.

President then called the Con. to order, and called for letters, and letters were handed in from Powdermill and Montezuma S. S.

The second question was then taken up,—Why should we have an ever-green S. S and who should attend? Opened by J. W. Hall. J. L. Pyatte, W. H. Ollis, Joseph Sparks, P. L. Johnson. Adopted. Third question was opened by H. M. Benfield, J. W. Hall. Adopted.

Question box was opened and the question was: What is the leading sin: Discussed by Louis Hall, W H Ollis, J W Hall, H M Benfield, James Franklin, P L Johnson, A C Pritchard.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Evening Session, Aug. 14.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing. Prayer by Louis Hall. Com. on Finance reports the following:

FINANCE.

We your Com. on Finance beg leave to report the following: Minute funds from the different S. S.

Green Valley	50	Roaring Creek	1.05	Pleasant Hill	1.00
Yellow Mt.	60	Minneapolis	50	Powdermill	20
Big Meadows	25	Collection	1.10	Total,	$5.20.

We need 80 cts. more on this fund, and recommend that the S. S. that have not paid any will pay later on; also, that the Minutes of this convention be printed along with the association Minutes. Resp. Adopted.] A. L. Miller, Q. T. Buchanan, F. G. Walker.

Names of Delegates were called, and following were noted present:

Minneapolis—A C Pritchard, Lou. Burleson, and W W Pyatte.

Green Valley—Miss Florence Hall, Rev. & Mrs W H Ollis, L J Hall

Yellow Mt—Conard Stafford, Bynum Burleson, and Elsie Burleson.

Powdermill—Taylor Buchanan. A L Miller, Myra Burleson.

Pleasant Hill—Com. Hicks, Florence Hicks, & Minnie Buchanan.

Pyatte—Mr. & Mrs. J L Pyatte, S M Carpenter Ada Carpenter, C. J Pyatte, and Roby Carpenter.
Montezuma ss—L E Hodgin.
Crossmore ss—Jim Clark, Louis Clark, H M Benfiield, P L Johnson.
Roaring Creek ss—R T Louis, Zeb. Burleson, Virgie Louis, Hue Burleson, and Chas. Burleson.

TIME AND PLACE.

Com. on time and place recommend that next session be held with Montezuma church, beginning on Friday before the 3d Sunday in August 1916, and that Rev. Louis Hall preach the Introductory Sermon.

REPORT NO. 3.

We your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following:

1st Believing that intemperance is the greatest curse to our nation that exists today,

2nd We believe the cigarette and tobacco habit is doing more damage to this present generation than any form of intemperance from the fact that it has practically been overlooked until it has reached a stage that is almost beyond hope of subduing.

3rd We recommend that our convention co-operate with all the organizations that are working to the end of obliterating this curse from our land in 1920.!

4th That our convention give the cigarette topic equal prominence with that of alcohol in all of its deliberations.

Signed. P L. Johnson, H. McK. Benfield, A.C. Pritchard.

Discussed by Louis Hall, W. H. Ollis, H. M. Benfield, and P. L. Johnson. Report was adopted.

Committee on Orphanage report the following:

REPORT NO. 4.

We your committee beg leave to say that the year at the Orphanage has been one of enlargement. The Kennedy home has been opened. The first children were received there June 5th 1914. There are at present more than 50 children in this home; the Miles Durham Nursery is ready to receive 25 more, which will increase the number to about 500; making the number enrolled from the beginning about six-teen hundred. The mere statement of the number of mouths to feed, bodies to be clothed, and souls to be trained constitutes our appeal to the Sunday schools of our association for enlarged contributions for this benevolent cause.

Respt. submitted. W. H. Ollis, Florence Hicks, Charley Pyatte.

Discussed by W. H. Ollis, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK IN S. S.

Ever since God has chosen human agency to carry on his work of saving the world from sin he has given a large and important part to women. In Old Testament times we find such women as Miriam. Esther, Debora, Hannah and others. In the New Testament times God used Mary, Dorces and Lydia. In more modern times Fannie Crosby, Madam Gayon ane Frances Willard. Today in time of wars and strife Miss Jane Addams.

In all our churches they furnish a majority of the members, teachers in our S. Sdhools and in our public schools their work is to prepare the men and women of the future.

Respectfully submitted. J. W. Hall, J. L Pyatte, Ada Carpenter.

Discussed by J W Hall, W H Ollis, and adopted.

Report on Resolutions was read aed adopted with amendments, that the church appoint Com. on Program for next year.— J W Hall, Ch. W H Ollis, J L Pyatte.

Resolution 1 Resolved that we asia S S Convention invite other S S that are in Avery Co. to join our convention next year. Also that we recommend that Bro. J L Spark be appointed Missionary to look after this work and report at next session.

Resolution 2 Resolved that this convention earnestly request each S S Supt. to attend this convention, along with the teachers, hereafter.

J W Hall, Mrs J L Pyatte, D Buchanan, Com.

No. 3 Resolved, That this S S Convention have a printed Program for the next session, and that each S S locally be asked to help pay the expense for having them printed.

J W Hall Ch. D. Buchanan.

Closed by singing and prayer till Sunday at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15. Metat 9 o'clock in a Mass Meeting from which all were benefitted by the talks.

D. Buchanan, Clerk. R. T. Lewis, Pres.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

——MET WITH——

Yellow Mountain Church

September 19, 20, and 21,

1916

IN ITS

5th ANNUAL SESSION

REV. W. H. OLLIS, - - Moderator.
D. BUCHANAN, - - Clerk.

The next session will be held with Roaring Creek Baptist Church at Valley, N. C., 8 miles south of Minneapolis beginning on Tuesday before 4th Sunday in Sept. 1917.

Rev. M. L. Buchanan to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. D. A. Green, alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

REV. W. H. OLLIS

Born Sept. 11, 1840, — died Dec. 1, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS

Association met at 11 o'clock Sept. 19, 1916; opened by singing. After which in absence of Bro. L. W. Hall, who was to preach the introductory sermon, the alternate appointed Dr. R. T. Vann. He read the 5 Chapter of Mark taking 19 verse for his text; theme Home Religion. After sermon W. R. Bradshaw led in prayer which was followed by singing. The delegates were assigned homes and Association dismissed until 2 o'clock, by L. H. Green.

Evening session—First day.

Opened at 2 o'clock by Yellow Mt. Choir singing a number of appropriate songs. Prof. R. T. Teague led in prayer. Letters were called for from the churches. Bros. R. T. Lewis and J. D. Braswell were appointed, by the moderator, as reading clerks. They read letters from the following churches: Mt. Pleasant—Oak Grove—Pleasant Valley—Roaring Creek—Yellow Mt.—Green Valley—Pleasant Hill—Big Meadows—Crossmore—Aaron—Cranberry—Chestnutdale Powdermill, Minneapolis, Jonas Ridge, Henson Creek. Also letters from Flat Springs, Beech Mt. Elk Valley with letters of dismission from Three Forks Asso. and asking to be received into Avery Asso.

Stony Fork, N. C. August 30, 1916.

Three Forks Association now in session. To Avery County Association: This is to certify that Flat Springs Church is a regular organized Baptist Church and that she is a member of this body in good standing and that she is dismissed from us at her own request.

May the blessings of God rest upon you both.

Done by order of the association.

W. Y. Perry, Clerk. J. J. L. Sherwood, Moderator.

Stony Fork, N. C. August 30, 1916.

Three Forks Association now in session. To Avery County Association: This is to certify that Beech Mt. Church is a regular organized Baptist Church, a member of this body in good standing and she is dismissed from us at her own request.

May the blessings of God rest on you both.

Done by order of the association.

W. Y. Perry, Clerk. J. J. L. Sherwood, Moderator.

Stony Fork, N. C. August 30, 1916.

Three Forks Association now in session. To any sister association of like faith and order: This is to certify that Elk Valley is a regular organized Baptist Church and a member of this body in good standing and that she is dismissed from us at her own request.

May the blessings of God rest upon her.

Done by order of the association.

W. Y. Perry, Clerk. J. J. L. Sherwood, Moderator.

There was a move and second that these churches be received into our association and they were welcomed into fellowship by the Moderator and association.

Corresponding delegates were called for. Rev. L. H. Green, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell, Revs. C. C. Cook, A. G. Buchanan, and M. L. Buchanan, from Roan Mtn. Asso. were welcomed to seats.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, in interest of State Missions, and Dr. R. T. Vann, in interest of Baptist State Convention and secretary of Education, were welcomed to seats.

The election of officers was then taken up for the ensuing year.

On motion by L. H. Greene that W. R. Bradshaw cast the entire vote of this association. For Moderator, W. H. Ollis was nominated, and Bro. Bradshaw cast the entire vote for him.

On motion that the Clerk be elected by acclamation, and on motion D. Buchanan was elected for the ensuing year.

On motion W. M. Braswell was elected Treasurer for one year.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

State Missions— W R Bradshaw, Chmn., N A Buchannan, J A Weatherman.

Foreign Missions—S M Pitman, Ch , G H Ward, Jerry Buchanan

Home Missions—C C Cook, Ch., R T Lewis, J J Green.

Education—J L Pyatte, Ch., Dr. R T Vann, I N Watson.

Periodicals—Louis Reid, Ch., R T Teague, D A Green.

State of Churches—J A Weatherman, L H Green, A E Norman.

Woman's Work—Arrizona Hughes, Adelaid Buchannan, M L Buchannan.

Sunday Schools—Z D Pyatte, R T Lewis, Stokes Braswell.

Orphanage—J D Braswell, G W McGuire, R T Teague.

Finance— D T Weatherman, W C Green.

Obituaries—J A Weatherman, Jack Taylor, J M Green.

Time and Place—G H Ward, J A Weatherman, G W McGuire, R T Teague.

Program—M L Buchannan, A G Buchannan, S A Hughes.

Preaching—N A Buchanan, E L Ollis, M L Buchannan, and delegates of Yellow Mtn. church

Committee on preaching announced that W. R. Bradshaw would preach at 7:40 o'clock p. m. Sept. 19, and R. T. Vann, Sept. 20, 7:40 p. m.

Closed by singing, and prayer by D. A. Green, till 9 a.m. Wednesday

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 20.

Association met at 9 o'clock, and devotional exercises conducted by D. A. Green, by reading 23rd Psalm and commenting there from.

Prayer by R. T. Vann. Singing by A. G. Buchannan. Prayer by G. H. Ward.

Associational business was then taken up, and Committees were appointed as follows:

Temperance, M L Buchannan, D A Green J T Cannon.

Resolutions, L H Green, G H Ward, Vester Stafford.

Report on State Missions was called for, and read by W. R. Bradshaw. On motion, report was received.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by G H Ward.

On motion report was received.

Report on Home Missions read, and on motion was received.

Quartette was sung by W. W., Lucy, Florence, and Stokes Buchanan.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the preaching of the gospel to the people of N. Carolina as we Baptists believe it. It plants and fosters churches. It is the forerunner of all the rest of our objects, which depend upon our interest in, and development of our local churches, and the planting of new churches in destitute territorry. Our State Board of Missions is responsible for Home and Foreign Missions in N. Carolina just as much as it is for State Missions.

It is incumbent upon our State Board of Missions:

1st To evangelize the people. 2d To aid weak churches. 3d To assist our churches in every way it can to come to the New Testament plan (1 Cor. 16: 2) of financing their work.

The situation for State Missions is te ise now. Our State mission work for this year is laid out on a basis of $55,000 by instruction of the Convention at Charlotte. To date, with ten months of the convention year gone, we have received less than ten thousand dollars for State Missions. $45,000 must be raised within the next two months if we report no debt.

We have 148 missionaries on our roll. They are serving 266 churches and preaching at 20 mission points. They are at work in 45 of 64 associations.

Let the pastors in this association stand together for this object, and] do heroic work for State Missions during the next two months.

W. R. Bradshaw, N. A. Buchanan, J. A. Weatherman.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has its work divided into several departments. The Board is doing co-operative mission work in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisania, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Tex. Va. In these States the Home Board aids the State Board in the sup-

port of missionaries.

The Board is conducting mission and educational work in Cuba. The western part of the island, comprising a little less than one-half the territory, is occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention, while the eastern portion is under the care of the Northern Baptist Convention. Bro M.N. McCall is superintendent of our work there. This field occupied by Southern Baptist, has a population of 1,730,000. The Board has eight schoolsin Cuba, with a total enrollment last year of 330. We have in Cuba, twenty-six preaching stations, and Statistical table of their work, shows a membership of 1,874. Baptisms, 178, candidates for Baptism 394. The total contributions reaches $4,875.19.

In the Canal zone, some work is being done among both colored and white. There are 10 white Baptist churches and 5 colored in Panama. This is very difficult but important work, as people from many different countries speaking different languages are found here.

The mountain school work of the Home Board, is under the supervision of Dr. A. E. Brown at Ashville, N. C. These schools are Mission agencies. The Board has evangelistic meetings. In these meetings last year there were 470 professions of faith, and 177 joined the local churches.

Dr. Weston R. Bruner is at the head of the evangelist force of the Home Mission Board. Last year the Board reported 12,000 baptisms and 5000 added by letter, making total additions 17,000.

We respectfully offer the following recommendation: That Avery Co. raise $150. for Home Missions next year.

We would close this report by ascending praise to God who has crowned us this year with His goodness. R. T. Lewis, Ch. } Com
J. J. Greene, } Com
C. C. Cook, } Com

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No missionary program is complete until it reaches the whole world. Southern Baptists have extended their operations into papal fields —Argentina, Brazil, Italy, and Mexico, and into the pagan countries of Africa, China, and Japan. We have now in the fields 300 Missionaries supported by Baptists, aided by 635 native helpers. We have 380 churches, with a membership of 30,000 in these different lands. These missionaries baptized last year, 5,252 converts, and conducted 2,271 Sunday-schools, with 22,022 students.

The churches of the Southern Baptist Convention gave last year to their foreign work $587,458 for current support and in addition $704,042 for the Judson Centenial fund.

Notwithstanding the European war which affected the entire world

this has been an advance over any previous year both in work and results which should be very gratifying. The native Christians is doing a great work. Their contributions percapita for all objects, church expenses included is $5.05. The percapita of the Chinese is $3.95, Japan, $2 03, Brazil $5.72. Argentina $4.79.

Many of the churches are now self suporting in the face of these facts. We ought to wake up to a sense of duty, and realize what Jesus said: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and also, Remember they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars for ever and ever. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Pitman Chairman, G. H. Ward, Jesse Buchanan, Com.

All the above reports were spoken to by S. C. Braswell, G. H. Ward, C. C. Cook, R. T. Teague, and W. R. Bradshaw for 1 hour and 20 minutes in one of his most forceful appeals.

Morning service was closed by singing There is a Beautiful Land, dismissed by R. T. Vann till 1:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, EVENING SESSION Sept. 20.

Met at 1 o'clock. Opened by singing, and regular business was taken up.

On motion that this Asso. raise $200 for State, Home, and Foreign Missions, pledges were taken as follows from each church:

Aaron $3.00, Big Meadows 10.00, Cressmore 15.00, Cranberry 10.00, Green Valley 10.00, Jonas Ridge 15.00, Mt. Pleasant 10.00, Minneapolis 10.00, Pleasant Hill 10.00, Roaring Creek 5.00, Yellow Mt. 15 00, Chestnutdale 15.00, Powdermill 5.00, Pleasant Valley 5.00, Oak Grove 10.00, Henson Creek 2.00, Flat Springs 6.00, Beech Mt. 5.00, Elk Valley 6.00. Total, $169.00.

Pledges by individuals for all three missions:

Mrs. J L Pyatte	$5.00	V W Green	$5.00
Mrs D Buchanan	2.00	C B Goodman	5.00
Mrs W H Ollis	5.00	Mrs W M Braswell	5.00
Mrs Polly Green	5.00	S A Buchanan	5.00
G H Ward	2.00	A L Miller	2.00
J A Weatherman, pd	1.00	Mrs Ralph Young	2.00- $1 pd
			$ 45.00
By Churches,			169.00
Total,			$214.00

A motion carried to adopt all three reports on Missions, and that all Pastors and Deacons keep these pledges before the churches till paid.

REPORT on EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has for its object not only the maintenance of the young men preparing for the ministry at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also of young women at our colleges preparing for mission work, and the promotion of Christian education in general for all our young people

In our Baptist school system at present there are fourteen high schools, Wake Forest College, for young men, and Meredith and Chowan colleges for young women. These institutions represent a million and a half dollars. They enrolled last year 3,788 students.

The teaching and example of our divine Master, the evident plan of God, as revealed in plant and animal life, the growing demand for trained workers in secular employment, the examples of other great denominations, the crying needs of our own—all these seriously impress the necessity of religious education for our people, and call us loudly to lose no time in going about it.

In view of the facts stated, and the other fundamental fact, namely, that consecration and training lie at the basis of every enterprise now engaging the efforts of our denomination, the Board of Education is calling upon our churches to raise this year for Christian Education $20,000,00, or two fifths as much as they raise State Missions. Since the amount raised for Missions is spent in supporting the missionaries, surely it is not unreasonable to spend two fifths as much in preparing missionaries for their work. And since 83% of all our ministers, and 91% of our missionaries, have been trained in Baptist schools, it would seem that if these schools should die every mission board would soon go out of business. And let it be widely known and ever remembered that these schools must die unless our people come to their support.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that our association approve the plan of the convention for promoting general education.

Second, that we approve the effort of the Board of Education to raise $20,000. this year for education, or two fifths as much as we raise for State Missions.

Third, that the association endeavor to raise among the churches during the year $50., and request each of the churches to assume its proportional part of this amount; and that either by pledges or apportionment arrangements be made to effectuate this plan with the churches.

We urge our own Baptist people to patronize our Baptist schools.

J. L. Pyatte, R. T. Vann, I. N. Watson.

Report on Education was read by Dr. R. T. Vann. On motion re-

ceived for discussion and the following brethren were heard, G. B. Goodman, R. T. Teague, and Dr. R. T. Vann in very forceful appeal.

On motion that this association raise $50. for Education, and pledges be taken at next sitting of this body, (which was not done.)

On motion the association adjourned till tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by A. G. Buchanan.

Preaching at night by Dr. R. T. Vann. Text, Rev. 7:15

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 21, 1916.

Met at 9:30. Opened by singing.

Devotional services, conducted by G. H. Ward by reading 1st Psalm and commenting from same, and leading in prayer.

Regular business was taken up.

Committee on Time and Place reported. Report adopted.

TIME, PLACE, and PREACHER

We, your committee, recommend that this Association meet with Roaring Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in September 1917, and that Bro. M. L. Buchanan preach the introductory sermon, and that Bro. D. A. Greene be alternate.

G. W. McGuire, G. H. Ward, J. A. Weatherman, V. W. Green.

Quartette by W. W. Buchanan and others.

Report on Orphanage was read by J. D. Braswell.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by S. C. Braswell.

Both reports adopted.

The Reports were discussed by J D Braswell, S C Braswell, L H Green, R T Teague, and M L Buchanan.

A Com. was appointed by the Moderator as Shipping Com. to collect produce and ship so Thomasville Orphanage: S. C Braswell, ch. J.L. Pyatte, Vester Stafford, D. T. Weatherman, and D. A. Greene.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The wise man said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Paul said, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Christ himself said in the Great Commission, "Teach them (the Christian) to observe all things' Timothy was asked to "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Christ said to Peter, "Feed my sheep" and "Feed my lambs"

It seemes foolish to have one give himself to Christ for service and then not teach him how to serve. The function of the Sunday-school is teaching. The Baptists of the State are great in number, but painfully lacking in efficiency. There are entirely too many

drones in the hive. Brethren these things ought not to be.

While there are 190,000 white Baptist in the State doing absolutely nothing, and we pity them and hope God does; yet we have 78,000 of God's elect who are doing things mightily for His Kingdom.

In our own country there is much needed to be done along the line of Sunday-school work in destitute places, and also among some Sunday-schools, which are doing almost nothing. Now the question is, Who is going to do it?

We in our Sunday-school Convention, elected Prof, John Jameson as Co. Superintendant of the S. schools of the Co., and we earnestly ask every Sunday-school in the Co, to give him their prayerlul and sympathetic cooperation.

S. C. Braswell ch., Z. D. Pyatte, R. T. Green.

REPORT on ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is the Keystone in the Arch of Christian service. If this stone is properly placed, all the others will hold firmly, if it be improperly placed, the whole structure is in danger.

The greatest aim with a Christian should be, to try and help those who cannot help themselves. The orphan children of our denomination are wholly dependant upon us for their support and future prosperity.

The cry of a child in the brink of the river Nile, broke the heart of a heathen princess. Moses wept and his life was saved, and the children of Israel were delivered from Egyptian bondage.

Today we hear the cry of orphan children all over our State asking that some loving hand wipe the tears from their eyes and provide a place for them—a home where they can have the influence of Christian training, and it is our duty, as a Christian denomination, to provide such a place for the orphans of our Denomination.

Not since Christ glorified childhood, has the cry of the child been so well understood as it is to day. The child is here not by his own consent. Life was thrust upon him. He has rights that we must respect, and when he cries for justice we must hear and heed.

Somebody will hear his cry. If Christians do not, the devil will.

The orphanage was organized to hear and heed this call. It has sheltered and trained 1702 boys and girls in the 31 years of its life, but it has not been able to hold out a helping hand to more than about one tenth of these homeless and needy ones who had made application for admittance to our orphanage institution.

The supreme need of our orphanage is a larger current fund. Our present number is 500, with an average cost of $109.09 per child or 30 cts, the day, aggregating a total annual cost of $54, 545,

The question now is, How shall we meet this out lay?

Your committee would recommend that the pastors of the various churches cooperate with the superintendents of the various S. S. in working up the "One day for The Orphanage" by every man, woman, and child in this association, at or near the Thanksgiving time.

By a monthly contribution from every Sunday-school in this association.

That every S. school take a club of Charity and Children, and keep in touch with our large growing family.

Our present debt is $29,000. with some $19,000. in assets, and our average daily expenses are $150. If we could only place this noble cause upon the hearts of our people as it should be, this debt would be paid off within the next year, and room made for the great number who are asking for admittance into our orphanage.

We recommend that the Moderator appoint a Shipping committee to collect produce and ship to Thomasville.

J. D. Braswell, G. W. McGuire, R. T. Teague.

Pledges were taken for the orphanage by each church as follows:

That each church pay 1 cent or more, per member for each month which being figured out, shows up as follows:

Aaron $3.84, Beech Mtn. 24.72, Big Meadows, pledge, 15.00, Chestnutdale 3.00, Cranberry 8 30, Crossmore 15.48, Elk Valley 9.36, Flat Springs 11.28, Green Valley pledge 12.00, Henson Creek 4.80, Jonas Ridge 2c. per member, 14.40, Mt. Pleasant 3.00, Minneapolis pledge 2c. per member 19.20, Pleasant Valley 18.48, Pleasant Hill, pledge 2c. per member 50.40, Powdermill 4.20, Roaring Creek 16.92 .Yellow Mtn. 2c per member 29.52. Total, $273.90.

Report on Woman's Work was read by M. L. Buchanan.

Report on Periodicals was read by R. T. Teague.

Report on Temperance was read by M. L. Buchanan.

Report on Obituaries was read by J. M. Greer.

All the above reports were receieved. Discussed by R. T. Teague, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

Women's Societies engaged in mission and other religious work, is the church at work. Work can be more effectively done by organization. Women can reach the hearts and pocketbooks of men in behalf of charitable objects.

There now 1,212 societies actively engaged in mission work in this State. The contributions for 1914-1915 amounted to $42,548.86 to regular objects; to Judson Centennial, and Home Church Building, $6,273.67, making a grand total of $48,832.53.

Women take more time to work than men do, and women are more religious than men. Women, because of their power and influence, have a great responsibility resting upon them, and we earnestly recommend that the women of Avery county be dilligent in organizing societies to look after the various Missionary and Charitable objects, and by so doing, are moulding the lives of the men of the future.

Mrs. Arizona Hughes ch., Mrs. D. Buchanan, M.L. Buchanan, Com.

OBITUARIES

Your Committee on Obituaries beg to report that since our last annual association, there have been sixteen deaths within the bounds of our association. This reminds us that death is sure to come to us all, and that we know not how soon, but this we do know, that if we live the lives of Christian men and women, that death is only a dream and that the blessings of God await us beyond the river. Doubtless some of our deceased brethren and sisters have left to our care as a Christian body, widows or orphan children, and it is our duty to see they are cared for in the very best way possible, and given a Christian education.

J. M. Greer, J. A. Weatherman, L. H. Green, Committee.

OBITUARY OF REV. WM. A. KELLER.

Rev Wm. A. Keller was born Oct. 23, 1834, and professed faith in Christ early in the year of '65 and soon after affiliated with Stony Fork Baptist Chuch of Watauga Co. For the past 25 years he was an exponant of the gospel of Christ. His labors have been blessed in this community. He was one of the promoters of Pleasant Valley Church. The greatest object of his life was to lead others in the right way. On January 29, 1916 he departed this life, in the evening shadow when the sun had sunk low in the western horizon and all was dark save the light of the far off stars, which is a reflected light of the sun, and teaches us that the sun is still shining and will rise again at the appointed time. He is not dead but only asleep in Christ and will awake in His likeness. Let us each resolve to live a life like his that we may receive the reward of the faithful.

He was a member of Pleasant Valley Church.

Done by order of the church.

Rev. Wm. Cannon, John L. Cannon, Com.

TEMPERANCE

One of the most hopeful features of the prohibition and temperance movements is the change in public sentiment as a result of which the liquor traffic is rapidly becoming outlawed.

The movement involves not merely moral and religious issues, but social and business issues as well. Not only religious organizations,

in fact every organization interested in humanity are engaged in the fight against intemperance. Since our State voted prohibition in 1908, we have made rapid progress in bank deposits and in the increase of personal property etc.

Crime is decreasing as a result of prohibition.

We recommend that we keep up our fight in Avery Co. for the victory is not yet won, while liquor is being made in our mountain glens

The Church must not relax its efforts—to relax will result in reaction by the powers of evil.

We recommend that our Sunday-schools and churches demand, by petitions, rigid enforcement of all our laws relative to illicit distilling and public drunkenness.

M. L. Buchanan, D. A. Green, J. L. Cannon.

PERIODICALS.

For eighty years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ of our denomination. It has ever stood for those things that uplift our folks. It has been sound in doctrine and wholesome in thought. Eight years ago the present management took charge. These years tell a story of successful achievement. With a great heart a strong brain, an active body, Dr. Hight C. Moore has had largely to do with the devopment of the Recorder until today it is recognized as one of the potential agencies in Southern Baptist denominational life.

It takes money to bring things to pass. It takes money to erect buildings and secure men. It takes money to buy paper, printer's ink, and to operate linotype machines; it takes money to pay postage and to employ book keepers who watch out for the accounts of those who overlook the labels. It takes more to publish a religious news paper than it does to produce a secular paper of the same size, since the quality must be higher and better. The Recorder has discarded its patent medicine advertisements and thus cut off $3,500 of its revenue. It was necessary to raise the price to $2.00. This becomes effective October first.

The Recorder goes into 12,000 Baptist homes in the State. There are 75,000 Baptist homes in North Carolina.—Some of them cannot, and others will not, take the paper. But it ought to be sent into 50-000 homes. Surely we can reach 25,000! Aside from the fact that the Recorder needs these subscribers, our Baptist folks need to know more about vital facts and doctrines that concern us as a people.

L. G. Reid, R. T. Teague.

We, the Committee on Woman's Work, most respectfully submit the following report:

In all our churches women furnish the majority of church members. They rear, train and influence our boys and girls for their life work. They furnish a large majority of our Sunday-school teachers and our Day-school teachers.

On motion adjourned for dinner till 1 o'clock.

Singing. Benediction by Rev. D. A. Green.

EVENING SESSION, Third Day, Sept. 21.

Met at 1 o'clock. Opened by singing.

The Executive Committee made a statement through the Moderator concerning the church property at Newland, and the funds that were collected to erect a house there and that if the parties who have the funds and papers do not come across with the funds and papers that the Executive Committee is still empowered to take legal steps to collect same, and that same committee is still held over for another year.

W. H. Ollis, Ch., J. L. Pyatte, N. A. Buchanan, Com.

Names of Delegates were enrolled as follows from each church:

Names of Delegates

Aaron—W W Braswell, and Tom Childres.
Big Meadows—Z D Pyatte, Tom Benfield, and Tom Carpenter.
Beech Mt.—G W McGuire, H J McGuire, and T F Cook.
Crossmore—W W Oaks, W W Benfield, J G Buchanan, L Johnson.
Chestnutdale—J W Hall, Sill Hoffman, and S C Braswell.
Cranberry—R N Cardwell, L J Oaks, G W Davis.
Elk Valley—A E Norman, H M Horney, and J C Blair.
Flat Springs—Ed Stout, W C Green, and C W Harman
Green Valley—J A Weatherman, D T Weatherman, and W H Ollis.
Henson Creek—W A Buchanan, J F Buchanan, and J M Greer
Jonas Ridge—T W Keller, L C Shell, and L G Reid.
Mt. Pleasant—H S Burleson, D T Penley, and Laura Johnson
Minneapolis—J A Buchanan, J W Burleson, and J A Sparks.
Oak Grove—A J Taylor, J J Parker, and A A Johnson.
Pleasant Valley—J L Cannon, M F Keller, and Boyed Hicks.
Pleasant Hill—N A Buchanan, B A Ollis, E T Ollis, S M Pitman, and C T Hicks.
Powdermill-A L Miller, J J Green, H Buchanan, and Tom McKinny
Roaring Creek—R J Burleson, R T Lewis, and Emma Hobson.
Yellow Mt.—W M Braswell, Robt. Rhyne, I N Watson, and Vester Stafford.

REPORT of FINANCE COMMITTEE

Following is an account of the money paid in to us by the Delegates from the different churches:

Orphanage,	$20.90	
Foreign Missions,	12.30	
State Missions,	16.17	
Home Missions,	10.00	
Ministerial Relief,	1.04	
Total,		$60.41
Minute Fund,		20.32

D. T. Weatherman, Ch., W. C. Green.

CLERK'S REPORT, 1915.

Minute Fund collected from different Churches,	$13.70
Received from Oak Grove Church,	1.00
" Elk Park Church,	.25
" S. S. Convention,	5.20
Total, - - - - -	$20.15

EXPENDITURES

Printing 500 copies of Minutes,	$16.00	
Postage for mailing Minutes,	1.23	
Clerk's Fees,	5.00	
Total, - - -	$22.23	
Due Clerk,		$2.08
		$22.23

A collection was taken for minute fund which amounted to $4.02, which was paid over to Treasurer.

Received from W. M. Braswell, Treasurer, $92.18 for all purposes this year. D. Buchanan, Clerk.

A RESOLUTION of THANKS

Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this Church, Community, and choir for their kindness and hospitality during this session of this Association.

Respectfully, L. H. Green, Chm., G. H. Ward.

Resolution to print minutes of Sunday-school convention and that S. S. minute fund be used to help defray expenses of printing etc.

A motion carried that the Clerk have five dollars for his services, and that he has 500 copies of the proceedings of this Association printed for distribution.

After which one of the most interesting associations closed by singing and a farewell handshaking, to meet next year with Roaring Creek Church. Dismissed with prayer by M. L. Buchanan.

Rev. W. H. Ollis, Mod.
D. Buchanan, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. H. Ollis	S. A. Hughs	W. M. Gardner
E. A. Stamy	J. A. Sparks	S. M. Pitman
L. W. Hall	James Franklin	D. A. Green
Troy Jones	G. H. Ward	W. M. Johnson
J. W. Hall		

LICENTIATES

McCoy Franklin	H. M. Benfield	L. C. Shell

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Lost: By Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	———	———	W W Braswell	Montezuma	4s	300	..	1	..	..	..	..	13	19	32
Big Meadows	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	1	600	6	8					47	58	105
Peech Mtn	D A Green	Dark Ridge	W C Church	Dark Ridge	1	1000	1			7	1	2	93	113	206
Crossmore	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	P L Johnson	Crossmore	1	1600			1	1			54	75	129
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	Johnson city, Tenn	R N Cardwell	Cranberry	1	.....		1	1	2		1	29	41	70
Chestnutdale	C C Cook	Toecane	S C Braswell	Hughs	2	.....	6				6		12	13	25
Elk Valley	D A Green	Dark Ridge	J A Norman	Heaton	3	500	2	3		9	8	2	26	52	78
Flat Springs	D A Green	"	Thiel Green	Dark Ridge	4	350	7	5	1	3			50	44	94
Green Valley	D P Lowdermilk	Marion	J A Weatherman	Linville F'ls	2	300									80
Henson Creek	L W Hall	Hughs	J M Greer	Spear	3	400	11	2			2				40
Jonas Ridge	J M Harris	Morganton	J D Clark	Jonas Ridge	4	400	1	1					24	36	60
Mt. Pleasant	C C Cook	Toecane	H S Burleson	Hughs	2	400						2	10	15	25
Minneapolis	C C Cook	"	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	1300	14	16	7				32	48	80
Oak Grove	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	A A Johnson	Newland	1	.....	11	1	1				21	39	60
Pleasant Valley	W M Johnson	Elk Park	W L Hagie	Elk Park	4	250	7	4	4		5	3	65	89	154
Pleasant Hill	S M Pitman	Frank	Luther Ollis	Frank	2	1715	12		1	8	1	1	91	119	210
Powdermill	D A Green	Dark Ridge	A L Miller	Senia	2	550	3				1		16	19	35
Roaring Creek	G H Ward	Valley	J G Hughs	Valley	..	200	3		2		3	4			142
Yellow Mt.	M L Buchanan	Bakersville	Vester Stafford	Spear	2	800	9			1		1	41	84	123
							93	42	18	31	27	16			1548

FINANCIAL TABLE CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron	00.00	300	2.00	12.00	09 00	.75	0.00	00.00	0.00	12.05	0.00	00.00	00.00	326.05
Big Meadows	70.04		1.00	9.80		1.32	2.25			32.40			10.00	126.81
Beech Mtn	36.90			1.25		1.30	2.87			3.00				48.32
Crossmore	40.00	1		15.00		.95	5.00			4.43				66.38
Chestnutdale	36.00			15.00		.50	1.30		1.30	3.25				57.35
Cranberry	70.00					90	2.50			2.50				75.90
Elk Valley	11.05		1.30	5.20		1.00				2.10				20.65
Flat Springs	20.00			5.81		1.00	2.00			3.00		.60		32.41
Green Valley	72.00			6.00		1.50	5.34		6.66	19.35				109.85
Henson Creek	35.00	6		8.50		.75								50.25
Jonas Ridge	62.40		5.00	5.00		.90	2.50		5.00	20.00	2.50			103.30
Mt. Pleasant	24.00			3.00		40								27.40
Minneapolis	50.00			12.00		1.10		40.00						103.10
Oak Grove	17.35					1.00								18.35
Pleasant Valley	36.00	30		4.00	6.00	1.25				6.62			20.00	103.87
Pleasant Hill	50.00	15		67.17	20.00	2.50	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		51.00		230.67
Roaring Creek	28.34			15.00	4.90	.85						4.50		53.49
Powdermill	22.55	87		12.20	1.00	.50			3.00	5.00		11.45		143.00
Yellow Mt.	100.00	43	41.25	22.50		1.55				3.81				212.05
	781.64	482.00	50.55	219.43	31.90	20.32	33.74	45.00	20.96	132.51	2.50	67.55	30.00	1509.20

Newland and Elk Park, no report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	TOTAL Contributions
Aaron	Sid. Suddreth	Montezuma	W W Braswell	Montezuma	1	7	75	82	15	12		12.00	12.05		24.05
Big Meadows	D M Philips	Pyatte	N M Pyatte	Pyatte	1	6	120	126	25	12	3	8.00		1.80	9.80
Beech Mtn	G W McGuire	Dark Ridge	J F Palier	Dark Ridge	1	5	50			6		1.25			1.25
Crossmore	P L Johnson	Crossmore	Monti Johnson	Crossmore	1	9		150	75	12		15.00			15.00
Chestnutdale	R W Johnson	Hughs	J H Franklin	Hughs		6	46	52	20	12		3.25			3.25
Cranberry	No Sunday School														
Elk Valley	A E Norman	Heaton	D T Bailiff	Heaton	1	5	60	65		12	2	5.20			5.20
Flat Springs	Ervin Green	Dark Ridge	Ethel Mann	Whaley	1	6	50	56		12		5.40	.41		5.81
Green Valley	J A Weatherman	Linville Falls	M Weatherman	Linville Falls	1	8		60	25	9		6.00			6.00
Henson Creek	W A Buchanan	Spear	W M Greer	Spear	1	7	60	75	30	9	11	8.50			8.50
Jonas Ridge	W M Shuffler	Jonas Ridge	L G Reid	Jonas Ridge	1	9	80	89	35	12		5.00			5.00
Mt. Pleasant	H S Burleson	Hughs	Amy Laurance	Spruce Pine	1	4	35	60	5	6		3.00			3.00
Minneapolis	A C Pritchard	Minneapolis	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	7	45	52	25	12		12.00			12.00
Oak Grove	No Sunday School														
Pleasant Valley	H D Guin	Elk Park	M F Keller	Elk Park	1	5	35	40		6		4.00			4.00
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Florence Hicks	Frank	1	11	110	130	80	12		67.17	5.00		72.17
Powdermill	A L Miller	Senia	Geo Buchanan	Senia	1	6	75	81		12		12.50			12.50
Roaring Creek						8	75								
Yellow Mt.	Vester Stafford	Spear	Loid Aldridge	Spear	1	7	60	67	20	12	5	22.20	2.18		24.38

MINUTES

OF THE 4th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST

Sunday School Convention,

Met with the Aaron Baptist Sunday School,

Friday, Aug. 18, 1916.

There being no officers of the convention present, the body was called to order by a layman and Prof. J. W. Jamison was made president of the body for the present and ensuing year. W. W. Braswell was elected Secretary and Treasurer for a like term.

Devotional services were conducted by Lewis Hall, after which the program was taken up and the "Relation of S. S. to the Church" was discussed by Prof. Jamison, Tom Childres, and Preston Johnson.

The second topic, "Lesson Preparation," was ably discussed by the open convention, one of whom was Rev. David W. Haga, a Methodist Bro., who gave some very instructive advice.

The third topic, "How to Secure Attendance in S. S." was led by Preston Johnson, superintendent of Crossmore S. S., who taught the convention by experience.

A committee on Divine Services was appointed by the President. W. W. Braswell, Chm. Preston Johnson, Tommie Childres Com.

Roll call of Delegates.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m.

Friday, August 19, 1916. 1 p. m.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and the afternoo 1 services were of great help to all present. The program was carried out very minutely.

Report of Com. on Divine Services was called for, who offered the following: We your committee beg to submit the following: Sermon Friday night by G. H. Ward, Saturday night D. W. Haga, and Sunday 11 a. m. J. W. Jamison.

Benediction announced on adjournment, by J. W. Jamison.

Saturday, August 19 1916 9 a. m

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Choirister, Archus Ollis, being absent, the song service was conducted by J. W. Jamison.

The program was taken up and the subject of "Soul-winning in Sunday-school" was opened and led by G. H. Ward, who laid great stress on child training. He was followed by W. H. Ollis, who gave some very concrete examples of child-training and its termination.

Song by choir.

The subject of a "Graded S. S." was discussed by Rev. Jamison, who outlined the Sunday-school work by grades, and stressing the importance of the Cradle Roll Dept., and recommended the Baraca and Phileathea classes in Sunday-school.

This was followed by S.C. Braswell who urged the people to use the Southern Baptist Series.

The two topics, "Support of Orphanage," and Missions in Sunday-school" were combined on account of briefness of time. These were led by J. D. Braswell, who also stressed the use of Southern Baptist Literature, and was followed by Preston Johnson and James McCall.

W. H. Ollis gave the Convention a communication from the State-corresponding Secretary, advising the Co. Convention as to the use of their contributions.

On motion, the house stood adjourned till 1 p.m.

Prayer by G. H. Ward.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 1916, 1 P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional services were conducted by Bro. Hagie.

Reports from Sunday-schools were called for and the following accepted:

S. S DELEGATES.

Pleasant Hill—S. M. Pitman, John Hicks, Florence Hicks, Nola Hicks. Minute Fund $1.25.

Roaring Creek—G H Ward, S A Hughs, J G Hughs, Chas. Burleson. Minute fund 90 cents.

Crossmore—Jesse Buchanan, Madge Johnson, Stevie Johnson.
Chestnutdale—John Hall, Rufus Johnson, J D Braswell. Minutes $1
Aaron—W W Braswell, Tom Childres.

The Committee on Time and Place reported:

We agree that the next S. S. Convention of Avery Co. be held with the Big Meadows Church, beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1917: and further recommend that in 1918 it convene with the Crossmore Church.

Committee: J. D. Braswell, John Hicks, and Tom Childress.

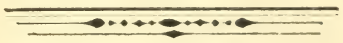
A committee on Programme was appointed by the President as follows: W. W. Braswell, Preston Johnson, John Hicks, and S. C. Braswell.

On motion the funds of the S. S. Convention be merged into that of the Association for printing minutes.

Resolved that not less than three S. S. Teachers' Institutes be held in Avery county before the close of the year 1916.

This Convention now in session, extends a vote of thanks to the people of Montezuma for their kindness and hospitality, after which the Convention closed.

Rev. J. W. Jamison, Pres.
W. W. Braswell, Sec'y.



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MINUTES

of The

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Roaring Creek Church

September 18, 19 & 20, 1917

IN ITS

6th ANNUAL SESSION

REV. D. A. GREEN - MODERATOR
D. BUCHANAN - CLERK

The next session will meet with Green Valley Church at Ingalls, N. C., 6 miles north of Spruce Pine, beginning on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in September 1918.

Rev. N. S. Hampton to preach the introductory sermon; Lewis W. Hall, alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

of the 6th Annual Session of the Avery County Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ROARING CREEK CHURCH Sept. 18—19, 1917.

Let Every Church Member Read The

Proceedings

FIRST DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 18, 1917.

Association was opened by singing. Prayer by D. A. Greene. Introductory sermon was preached by M. L. Buchanan. Lesson Luke 11 chap. 5 to 13 verses. Subject: Prayer.

After the sermon, the delegates were assigned homes.

The Association was then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at regular hour.

D. A. Greene was appointed by the Clerk to fill out the term of our lamented Moderator, Rev. W. H. Ollis.

Singing by the choir, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator Pro Tem.

By appropriate remarks concerning our deceased Moderator, letters were called for from the delegates.

Brethren L. W. Hall and W. A. Braswell were appointed reading clerks, and the following church letters were read: Pleasant Valley, Oak Grove, Beech Mtn., Elk Valley, Flat Springs, Powder Mill, Big Meadows, Henson Creek, Pleasant Hill, Roaring Creek, Crossmore, Cranberry, Jonas Ridge, Minneapolis, and Yellow Mountain.

A motion carried to elect a Moderator by ballot. L. W. Hall and W. A. Braswell were appointed to count the ballots, and declared the election of Rev. D. A. Greene Moderator.

A motion carried to elect the Clerk by acclamation. On motion D. Buchanan was nominated, and Bro. Walter N. Johnson cast the entire vote of association for the nominee.

Corresponding and visiting brethren called for and the following responded: M. L. Buchanan from Roan Mtn. association, W. M. Cannon Three Forks, C. C. Cook Roan Mtn., N. S. Hampton Stony Fork, W. A. Braswell Three Forks, A. G. Buchanan Roan Mt. and Walter N. Johnson Cor. Secretary Baptist State Convention.

Committees were appointed as follows:

State Missions:—W. A. Braswell, and W. N. Johnson.
Home Missions:—L. W. Hall and M. L. Buchanan.
Foreign Missions—S. M. Pitman, M. L. Buchannan.
Education—R. T. Lewis, G. W. McGuire.
Periodicale—N. S. Hampton, John Hicks.
Orphanage—S. A. Hughs, J. G. Buchanan.
State of Churches—C. C. Cook, A. T. Miller.
Pastoral Support—L. G. Shell, D. T. Weatherman.
Woman's Work— W. N. Johnson, J. G. Buchanan.
Finance—J. D. Clark, R. J. Burleson.
Obituaries—W. M. Gardener, F. G. Walker, Luther Ollis.
Time and Place—D. T. Weatherman, J. G. Buchanan, S. M. Pitman
Sunday Schools—Nelson Stanberry, B. A. Ollis, Joe Greene.
Com. on Preaching—Delegates of Roaring Creek church, with Joseph Greene and A. T. Miller.

A motion carried to consolidate all missions and they be spoken to at this sitting, and that the reports be filed later.

Walter N. Johnson spoke to the association on missions.

On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

Dismissed by prayer by W. N. Johnson.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 19.

Association met at 9 o'clock. Singing and devotional exercises conducted by N. S. Hampton by reading 9th chapter of Corinthians 6 & 7 verses. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

Association was then called to order and business was taken up.

Committees appointed as follows:

Temperance:—W. M. Cannon, M. L. Buchanan.

Resolutions:—D. Buchanan and W. M. Gardner.

On motion the Clerk was made Treasurer of the association.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. L. Buchanan. On motion the report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We believe that we ought to do more for Foreign Missions. We should not try to ease our conscience or excuse ourselves from its responsibilities by falling in line with our narrow class of people who are always so ready to answer with the old proverb: "Charity begins at home." With this class it generally ends there.

"The world is the field." The children of the kingdom are the laborers that the Master is sending out into the field that is white and ready for the harvest. Our neighbors are those that need our help, although they be the destitute in the jungles of Africa.

Now is the most favorable time in the history of the church and

the world for the spread of the Gospel. The present war is scattering our people among other lands and other nations. An anxious world is crying for help. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. It is our duty to point out the way to the lost world.

The world wants peace, but there is no real peace except that which cometh through the Prince of Peace.

Pastors and preachers, we appeal to you to heed the anxious cry and do your best to have your churches to lend a helping hand in giving the Prince of Peace to the world.

M. L. Buchanan, S. M. Pitman.

Report on State Missions was read by W. N. Johnson, and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is preaching the Gospel and planting and developing Baptist churches in North Carolina.

We have in our State 278,000 white Baptists and 2,161 Baptist churches. Still we have much destitution. One half our people are still outside our churches.

New towns are springing up in our State every month. The cause is always weak in a new town. It has to be helped to its feet.

Our country churches are under strain. Good roads, rural delivery of mail, better public schools, automobiles, and telephones are tending to swamp our churches. They need pastors who give their whole timg to the ministry of the Word.

Two hundred thousand white Baptists in our North Carollna churches are not enlisted in our Lord's work. If we cannot get these folks to work we are going to lose them.

We are trying to help young weak churches build houses.

The State Board of Missions is pushing the work of the Baptist Young People's Union in order to train our young men and women in church work; it also fosters the work of the Sunday School.

Our State Mission work ts laid out this year on a basis of $47,500 exclusive of Sunday School Missions and Associational Missions, $47,500 for the year which closes Nov. 20—$34,000 to be raised in only two months! Let the churches of Avery Association do their part for this worthy work.

W. A. Braswell,
Walter N. Johnson.

Report on Home Missions was read by G. W. Hall and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

One of the last commands of our Savior here was: Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, beginning at Jesalem. By this we readily see that we owe our first duty to our home land. The great problem that confronts the Southern Baptist

is this: We have 18 million people in the South who have never made any profession of religion, besides the millions of people that belong to false sects, such as Catholics, Lutherans, Mormons, etc., and if the true gospel of Christ ever reach them it must be thru the efforts of Southern Baptists. Besides, we know that church houses schools and many other things of importance must be fostered.

May God help us as the people of the South, to awake to a sense our duty, and may we firmly resolve that we will do more this year to promote the cause of Christ in our country than ever before in our history; first, by our means, next, by our prayers and personal efforts. Respectfully submitted.

L. W. Hall, Alphonso Buchanan, Com.

Reports were spoken to by W. A. Braswell, L. W. Hall, Walter N. Johnson, D. Buchanan, and M. L. Buchanan.

Time for preaching having arrived, W. N. Johnson took charge and preached a fine sermon after reading a lesson from 2d ch. Acts and 4th ch. of Acts and 31 and 32 verses: And when they had prayed the place was shaken.

On motion adjourned for 1 hour.

EVENING SESSION, Second Day, Sept. 19.

Association met at 1 o'clock and took up regular business.

On motion, in the absence of J. D. Clark who had to leave, J. G. Buchanan was put in his place on Finance Committee.

A motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to act in conjunction with the State Board.

On motion the letters be referred to the Clerk to add in as others that were handed in at this time.

Report on Orphanage was read by the Clerk and spoken to by S. A. Hughs, G. W. McGuire and N. S. Hampton, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is a Christian home for the children who are left without father or mother to care for them. The doors of this home are wide open for the reception of any of our children who may be thus unfortunate, or, as much so as room and means to support them will admit. There are about 500 children now in the home, and an average of about 50 children a month, who ask for admittance, most of them turned away for lack of room. Are not these children, thus turned away, liable to accept the offered opportunities of other denominations, and thereby our Baptist cause be weakened? We insist that we offer our hearts, and as we pray the Lord to bless the orphan, that we give of our means, so the orphans' home may be enlarged so there will be room for all. We further insist that each church in this association, at least, make one shipment of produce to the orphanage at Thomasville, on or before Thanksgiving day in November next. And we further insist that Pastors insist upon each member to give as much as a penny each month to this worthy institution.— J. G. Buchanan, Rev. S. A. Hughs.

On motion, Rev. Tilman McCurry was invited to a seat.

Report on Temperance was read by M. L. Buchanan and received, and spoken to by M. L. Buchanan, and adopted.

REPORT on TEMPERANCE.

Our Law makers, both in State and Nation, deserve our very highest respect because of their repeated and faithful efforts against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Crime is on the decrease as a result of prohibition.

We recommend that we continue to fight and keep the fire alive.

There is danger of reaction if we fold our hands and go to sleep.

The Blind Tiger and the Blockade is a common and growing curse.

It is our duty to demand a rigid enforcement of our laws at the hands of our officers.

Let us pray before we vote at all times, and then vote as we pray.

M. L. Buchanan, W. M. Cannon.

Report on Education was read by R. T. Lewis, and received and spoken to by G. W. McGuire, D. A. Greene, Tilman McCurry, and was adopted.

REPORT on EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the great progress that our beloved State has made in Education in the last few years. We believe that no State in the Union, has decreased the percentage of illiteracy more than our own State of North Carolina, and no county has made greater progress than Avery, and no people has had more to do in the great Educational movement than the Baptists of North Carolina.

We urge upon the Baptist of the Avery Association, to rally to the support of our public schools and use their influence in securing Christian men and women as teachers to train the minds of our young boys and girls. A system of Moon light schools is about to be instituted by the Board of Education of Avery county, and we ask and urge upon the delegates of this association to use their influence in their respective committees to blot out the stigma of illiteracy from our beloved county. While the excitement and hardships of war is on, our people are in danger of losing their interest, to some extent, in the educational work, therefore we urge upon our preachers and leaders to make a special effort to hold up our educational institutions to their present capacity and increase their efficiency, where it is possible to do so.

As the present great World War is a conflict between free governments and absolute monarchies, and as we believe, democracy will win in the great conflict, we realize that the call for our educated young men after the war in setting up our institutions of freedom, is going to be great, it behooves us as Baptist to see that our young men and women are properly trained that they may measure up to the responsibilities that will be thrust upon them.

No education is complete without proper Christian training. Therefore we recommend to those seeking a higher education, the Mitch-

ell Collegiate Institute, Meredith and Wake Forrest colleges.

Resp'y., R. T. Lewis, G. W. McGuire, Com.

On motion adjourned till 8 o'clock tonight.

Night Session.

Met at hour appointed. Singing, and prayer by N. S Hampton.

Reports on State of Churches, and Pastoral Support were read by M. L. Buchanan, and on motion were discussed together by N. S. Hampton.

Singing. Adjourned by the Moderator till 9 a. m. Thursday.

STATE and CONDITION of CHURCHES

We find on good information and comparison that our churches are drifting into a luke-warm condition, and the principles so dearly loved by our fathers are trailing in the dust in many localities. We believe that people are blinded by the things of this world, and in their mad rush for the almighty dollar the cause of the Kingdom is very greatly hindered.

M. L. Buchanan, for the Committee.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We find that our pastors are very poorly paid. The fault in some instances may be in the preacher, where he expects his pay before he delivers the goods. We believe if the flocks were better fed, the pastor would be better paid. But we believe that another hindrance to the pastor's salary is that the preacher is depended upon to collect his own pay.

M. L. Buchaean, for the Committee.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 20, 1917.

Association met at 9 o'clock. Opened by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator 30 minutes in remembrance of Rev. W. H. Ollis by reading 2d Cor. 5th ch. 1—8 verses. Prayer by A. G. Buchanan. Singing. Talks by M. L. Buchanan and W. M. Cannon.

Association was called to order by Moderator.

Committee was appointed on Correspondence as follows: N. S. Hampton, G. W. McGuire and S. A. Hughs.

On motion ordered that the obituary of Rev. W. H Ollis that was in the Biblical Recorder be printed in these minute in rememberance of him.

Prayer by W. M. Cannon and the association heard a great appeal from M. L. Buchanan on "giving" which was well listened to. Main subject: "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

Pledges were then taken as follows: Orphanage was left as last year, as so many delegates had left. Other pledges were not changed only where they are noted in these proceedings. Churches will

refer to old pledges and comply with them as nearly as possible.

Pledges by churches for different objects as follows:

Beech Mtn. Home Missions $5, Foreign M. $5.—Chestnutdale for Home and Foreign M. $10.—Elk Valley Home M. $2, Foreign $2. —Flat Springs Orphanage $4, Foreign M. $2, Home M. $2, State M. $2.—Green Valley Orphanage $12, Missions $10.—RoaringCreek Orphanage $5, each Mission $2.—Powdermill Orphanage $2, each Mission $2.——Yellow Mtn. Orphanage $12, Missions $15. ——W. M. Cannon State Missions $1.—Elk Park Orph. $10, each Mis. $2.

REPORT on SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your Com. on S. S. beg leave to report that nearly all churches have good Sunday-schools. We find that in the State there are 160 churches that have no Sunday-schools, and that two or three of them are in the bounds of our association. We recommend that each pastor and deacon see that each church has an evergreen S. S. We find that our Sunday-school convention was not very well represented, and suggest that each church see that the next session is well represented. On the whole the S. S. work has advanced in our Co.

J. N. Stamey, B. A. Ollis.

On motion the following amendment to above report was adopted: We advise the use of Baptist Literature,and that the church elect the Superintendent and advanced Teachers out of their own membership.

REPORT on PERIODICALS

Read by N. S. Hampton.

It is through the Periodicals that we are informed of the needs of our State, of our Nation, and of the World.

Since the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," presupposes that we should know the needs of our country before we can meet those needs, and since we can get much of this information through the periodicals, we recommend the use of these periodicals in the home, such as the Biblical Recorder, Baptist Standard, Foreign Mission Journal, and Charity and Children; and we further recommend Baptist literature in home and school.— N. S. Hampton, John Hix, Com.

TIME and PLACE

Dear Brethren: We your committee on Time and Place recommend that our next session be held with Green Valley Baptist church to begin on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1918, and that Rev. N. S. Hampton preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. L. W. Hall be the alternate. Respectfully submitted.

D. T. Weatherman, Ch., S. M. Pitman, J. G. Buchanan.

RESOLUTIONS

We your Com. on Resolutions beg leave to suggest to this associ-

ation impress on the churches next session to appoint a new set of delegates, except one old delegate, to attend the association and thus get into more of our members the sentiment of giving and pay the preachers better, for it is in these meetings that a good sentiment is impressed on our people and spreads more among our members after they go back home to their home churches they will find that the pledges are more easily raised and by these means advance the cause of Christ more and more each year. D. Buchanan, W. M. Gardner.

We your Com on resolutions suggest and recommend that the Minutes of the Baptist Sunday-school convention be printed in our associational minutes, and that the funds collected in S.S. Convention be used in defraying expenses of printing the minutes.

Resp'y. D. Buchanan, W. M. Gardner.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due and are tendered to this community and church for their hospitality in entertaining this annual gathering so well. Respectfully submitted.

D. Buchanan, W. M. Gardner.

Resolution favoring an increase in our pledges for the various objects.

Whereas, there is a growing increase in the cost of the necessaries of life; and whereas, the running expenses of our Orphanage and other institutions, as well as the expenses of our various Mission Boards will be bound to advance, and in some instances nearly double, and further, that whereas, our own farm products are advancing in like proportion, now be it resolved, That we the Avery County Association demand of our pastors a more dilligent effort on their part in the collection of the church pledges, together with an increase of ten per cent. over the amount of the pledges of last year.

Submitted. D. Buchanan, W. M. Gardner.

EX. COMMITTEE APPOINTED

We your Com. to elect an Executive Committee of three for Avery Co. Association to confer with the State Mission Board on mission work in Avery county, and other matters, beg leave to report that we elected J. D. Braswell, Ch'n.. J. N. Pritchard, and Webb Braswell. Respt. submitted.

J. D. Braswell, J. N. Pritchard, Joe Green, Geo. Green, F. G. Walker

REPORT on FINANCE

By J. G. Buchanan.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report the following funds have been paid in to us by the different churches: [on page 9

Orphanage,	$ 47.29
Home Missions,	39.41
Foreign Missions,	23.57
State Missions,	24.00
Minute Funds,	19.56
Total, - - -	$153.83

For further financial report to see what each church has paid to the different objects, see the Financial Table of this year's work.

We further recommend that the Clerk have $5.00 for his work, and that he has 500 copies of the proceedings of this association printed and distributed to the churches. Bob Burleson, J. G. Buchanan,

REPORT on CORRESPONDENCE

Read by G. W. McGuire.

To Mitchell Co. Association, D. Buchanan, Rev. Lewis Hall.

Three Forks Association, Rev. D. A. Green, Rev. S. M. Pitman.

Stony Fork Aso., T. Jones, Jesse Buchanan.

Baptist State Convention, D. Buchanan, J. D. Braswell, G. W. McGuire.

N. S. Hampton, Com.

WOMAN'S WORK

Women in many of our churches and associations in North Carolina are doing great work for Missions. They are raising this year for missions, over $60,000. They give $12,000 to State Missions alone. We need a Woman's Missionary Society in every church in Avery County Association.

The headquarters of the Woman's Missionary Union is at Raleigh N. C. The Secretary of the Executive Committee is Miss Bertha Carroll, Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C. Any information about the work can be had by writing her.

The pastors can be of great help to the women in the churches by encouraging them in this work.

It would be well for the association to invite Miss Carroll or some other field worker to visit our churches and lay this great work on the hearts of our good women. J. G. Buchanan, W. N. Johnson.

All reports were adopted as read.

CLERK'S REPORT for 1917,

Beg leave to report that last year's Finance Committee took in more money than they could account for different objects. Their report showed for different objects 80.73, but the Treasurer paid over to me 92.18, and the following disbursements were made:

Minutes fund, Clerk and Postage,	$25.78
Foreign Missions,	12.30
State Missions,	16.17
Home Missions,	13.00
Orphanage,	21.90
Ministerial Relief,	1.04
	$90.19

On hand, 1.99.

Resp'y. sub. D. Buchanan, Clerk.

On motion the association adjourned. Some very appropriate remarks were well listened to from the Moderator.

Singing and prayer.

Rev. D. A. Green, Mod.
D. Buchanan, Clerk.

Names of Delegates.

In the rush of business the names of delegates was never called. The following names were entered on church letters:

Aaron—C P Braswell, Harry Ledford and Thomas Childress.
Big Meadows—J N Stamey, Z D Pyatte, J L Pyatte, Thomas Ollis.
Beech Mtn.—G W McGuire, Dave Trivette, and W C Church.
Crossmore—Enoch Cornette, W W Benfield, J G Buchanan.
Cranberry—F G Walker, Monroe Freeman.
Chestnutdale—Dona Early, Stella Holtsclaw, John Hall. J D Braswell
Elk Valley—A E Norman, H M Horney, D T Bailiff.
Flat Springs—S M Green, J M Green, and G T Green.
Green Valley—D T Weatherman, R T Hall, Charlie Grindstaff.
Henson Creek—Robt Buchanan, J F Buchanan.
Jonas Ridge—Joe Poor, J D Clark, L C Shell, and T W Keller.
Minneapolis—R Z Burleson, Aaron Burleson, W J Tolley.
Oak Grove—A A Johnson, A J Taylor and J J Parker.
Pleasant Valley—Jno Cannon, J R Hagie and Luther McGuire.
Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, J H Hicks, Jones Buchanan, Luther Ollis and S M Pitman.
Powdermill—A L Miller, W M Burleson, J H Green, W M Jones.
Elk Park—W F Meredith, W G Buchanan, J N Pritchard.
Roaring Creek—R C Hughs, R T Lewis, R J Burleson.
Yellow Mtn.—D Buchanan, V Stafford, C W Burleson, L Aldridge.

Obituary

THE LATE ELDER W. H. OLLIS.

Elder William Henry Ollis was born in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Sept. 25, 1840, and departed this life at his home at Ingalls in the same beautiful region, December 1, 1916, having reached the ripe age of seventy-six years, two months, and six days.

He worked on the farm and attended the public schools of the Co. until the civil War broke out. Early in the conflict he went into the war and served in the army of Northern Virginia under Lee and Jackson until the curtain fell on the fatal day at Appomattox. He was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. For more than a year he was a prisoner of war. During this time he attended a prisoner-of-war school which was inaugurated by Prof. A. Morgan, from South Carolina, who was also a prisoner. He was converted in a revival meeting conducted during the war by Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., who baptized him in the Rappahannock River. He sent his church membership home to the old Big Meadows Baptist Church.

After the close of the war he returned to his native heath and engaged in teaching and in Christian work. Subsequently he entered a private school in charge of Rev. R. H. Moody, in Caldwell County. Here he maraied Mrs. Melinda Caroline (Harstin) Carroll on January 25, 1866. To them were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, four of whom preceded their father to the Glory-land.

Shortly after his marriage he was ordained as a minister of the gospel by Rocky Springs Church in Caldwell County, which credentials he held at his death.

Later he moved to Mitchell(now Avery) County where he was engaged in the Lord's work for more than fifty years. He served many churches as pastor and many souls were converted under his ministry. His Bible and the Biblical Recorder were his constant companions. During the last two years of his life he was moderator of the newly organized Avery Association.

He did not suffer any pain during his last moments, but only went to sleep to wake with Jesus in the Morning of the Resurrection.

TABLE 1.-- STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	Lost: By Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	——	——	W Braswell,	Montezuma.	..	300	4	..	..	..	..	..	....	39	39
Big Meadows	N S Hampton.	Blowing Rock.	J L Pyatte,	Pyatte.	1	600	..	..	1	1	..	..	47	58	105
Beech Mtn	W M Cannon	Elk Park	W C Church,	Dark Ridge.	1	1000	3	2		3			91	117	208
Crossmore	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	P L Johnson,	Crossmore.	1	2000	11	2	1				57	86	143
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	Johnson City Tenn	R N Cardwell,	Cranberry.	1	.....	8	8		2	2	3	33	45	78
Chestnutdale	C C Cook	Bakersville.	J D Braswell,	Hughs.	2	.....	7		1		5		14	17	31
Elk Valley	D A Green,	Dark Ridge.	J A Norman	Heaton.	3	500	10		6	1	3	1	36	56	92
Elk Park	M L Buchanan	Bakersville.	W N Carroll	Elk Park.	4	.....						1	15	17	32
Flat Springs	D A Green,	Dark Ridge.	Thiel Green	Dark Ridge	4	350	2	4		3	3	1	51	42	93
Green Valley	D P Lowdermilk	Marion.	F J Hall	Spruce Pine.	2	300	4	1	4	1		2	24	54	78
Henson Creek	L W Hall	Hughs.	J M Greer,	Spear.	3	500			1						40
Jonas Ridge	J M Harris	Morganton.	J D Clark,	Jonas Ridge.	4	250	1	1					24	37	61
Minneapolis	J W Jamison	Elk Park.	R Z Burleson	Minneapolis.	..	1300				1	1	1			77
Oak Grove	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock.	A A Johnson	Montezuma	4	.....				1		1	14	28	42
Pleasant Valley	W M Cannon	Elk Park.	W L Hagie,	Elk Park	4	250	4			1	4	2	64	87	151
Pleasant Hill	D A Green	Dark Ridge.	Luther Ollis	Frank.	2	1723			1	7		1	97	109	206
Powdermill	"	"	A L Miller	Senia.	1	600	6	11					21	31	52
Roaring Creek.			J G Hughs,	Valley.	3	300	8	1	5	1	2	3	54	87	141
Yellow Mtn.	M L Buchanan	Bakersville.	Vester Stafford	Spear.	2	800	7			3	2		41	84	125
						10,773								954	1794

Table 2—Financial

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S S Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missioas	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S S Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron		300.00		11.00		.50	2.00	2.00	1.00			34.00	47.00
Big Meadows	50.87	5.00		12.00		.80	3.00	3.33	3.67	10.00	20.00	14.48	123.15
Beech Mtn	32.30		15.00	3.60		1.25	5.00				5.00		62.57
Crossmore	67.19		100.00	25.00		1.55	5.00	5.00	5.00				141.55
Cranberry	120.00				15.00	1.25		4.00			10.05		150.30
Chestnutdale	50.00			15.00	2.00	.50	5.00	5.00	5.00		24.65		107.15
Elk Valley	30.00		3.50	6.00		.75		1.00			3.62		44.00
Elk Park	9.76		2.66				8.17						20.59
Flat Springs	20.00		10.25	5.50		1.00	2.00	3.00			2.00		43 75
Green Valley	72.00		48.77	4.44		1.70		12 56			15 75		155 32
Henson Creek	32.00	30.10	20.00	6.00	65.00	.75						26.00	169.10
Jonas Ridge	65.60			6.72		1 01	2.50		2.55		10.15		88 53
Minneapolis	50.00			14.58		1 05	5.00	5.00	5.00				80.53
Oak Grove	11.21			6.00		60							17 81
Pleasant Valley				10.00		1.50	1.04	1.04	1.05		10.00	7.00	31.63
Pleasant Hill	103.85	47.50		83.75	25.00	2.10	8 00	4 00	3 00		11 26	6.00	283.46
Powdermill	32.55	69.00		12.00		.50					5.37	4.00	120.55
Roaring Creek	54.60			15.00		1.00							70.60
Yellow Mtn.	120.00		17.00	21.38		1.50	5.00	4.00	4.60		11.25		186.73
	939.93	351.60	207.18	258.93		19.30	46.71	49.93	30 87	10,00	129.10	91.48	

Mt. Pleasant and Newland, no reports.

TABLE 3.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S.S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	TOTAL Contributions
Aaron	W S Suderth	Montezuma			1	6	40	70	....	....	3	11.00	5.00	....	....	16.00
Big Meadows	J A Dyson	Pyatte	N M Pyatte	Pyatte	1	6	120	126	45	12		12.00		10.00	1.00	22.00
Beech Mtn	T F Cook	Whaley	Lloyd Church	Dark Ridge	1	8	61			9		3.60				3.60
Crossmore	Lam. Johnson	Crossmore	Montie Johnson	Crossmore	1	11	75	150	80	12	9	25.00				25.00
Cranberry	(No School)															
Chestnutdale	J D Braswell	Hughs	Jno. Franklin	Hughs	1	7	75	82	38	12		15.00		24.65	2.00	41.65
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Banners Elk	J W Blair	Heaton	1	6	50	65		12	10	6.00				
Elk Park	(No School)															
Flat Springs	Ervin Green	Whaley	Ethel Mann	Dark Ridge	1	6	54	60		12	2	5.50		1.00		6 50
Green Valley	R S Hall	Spruce Pine	Flossie Hall	Spruce Pine	1	6	45	52	30	9	4	4.44				4.44
Henson Creek	W A Buchnana	Spear	A W Woody	Spear	1	7	40	60	25	9		6.00			26.00	32.00
Jonas Ridge	W M Shuffler	Jonas Ridge	Lloyd Barrier	Jonas Ridge	1	8	75	83	35	12	1	6.72				6.72
Minneapolis	W J Galley	Minneapolis	M L Burleson	Minneapolis	1	6	75					14.58				14.58
Oak Grove	T Jones	Newland	Charity Johnson	Newland	1	5	30	40	12	6						
Pleasant Valley	J T Combs	Elk Park	Lola McGuire	Heaton	1	5	50	100	30	12	4	10.00	3.13			13.13
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Florence Hicks	Frank	1	11	110	150	85	12		83.75		11.26		9e.01
Powdermill	A L Miller	Senia	Geo Buchanan	Senia	1	11	85	113		12		12.00		2.60	4.00	18.60
Roaring Creek	R T Lewis	Valley	Dora Green	Valley	1	12	85	115	60	12	8	15.00				15.00
Yellow Mtn.	Vester Stafford	Spear	D Buchanan	Spear	1	8	105	113	30	12		21.38			4.58	25.96
												251.97	8.13	49.51	32.58	

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention

MORNING SESSION, First Day.

Pyatte, N. C. Aug. 17, 1917.

The Convention met with Big Meadows church. In the absence of the President and Secretary, Rev. E. M Johnson took charge by singing, and preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: Ps. 27, v 11, after which a President and a Secretary were elected as follows: J.L. Pyatte Pres. and D. Buchanan Sec'y.

A Committee on Program was appointed. W. W. Benfield Ch., H-R. Buchanan, John Hicks and officers of Big Meadows S. S.

On account of burial services there was no evening meeting.

The Convention took recess till 9 o'clock Saturday.

Com. on Program reported and was adopted.

PROGRAM.

9 to 9:30, Devotional exercises by Bro. Fonzo Buchanan.

9:30, Presenting letters and reading.

9:45, Review of the past year's work by the delegates, Lambert Johnson.

10:15, How to get better attendance, by D. Buchanan.

10:45, Training the young folks to speak and pray in public, A. G. Buchanan.

11:15, Preparing the Lesson, W. C. Franklin.

12. Noon, Lunch, 1½ hours.

Names of delegates enrolled.

1:30, Singing by choir one half hour opened by C. C. Johnson.

2. Who should serve in our Sunday-schools as teachers and officers E. M. Johnson.

2:30, Question Box. Miscellaneous busines. Adjournment.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAM.

Sunday-school Mass meeting by discussing Temperance question.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Aug. 18th 1917.

Opened by singing, and Devotional exercises conducted by A. G. Buchanan. Lesson: Psalm 119 chapt. and 156 verses was read and commented on.

The Convention was called to order by President and letters were called for and read from Yellow Mtn., Hensons Creek, Pleasant Hill, Big Meadows, Crossmore, and Roaring Creek Sunday-schools.

The President appointed Coms. as follows:

On Finance—John Hicks, N. M. Pyatte, Stover Benfield.

On Time and Place—Lambert Johnson, Ed Buchanan, C. C. Johnson.

On Resolutions—P. L. Johnson ch., E. M. Johnson, D. Buchanan.

Review of last year's work was taken up, and opened by Lambert Johnson, Preston L. Johnson, D. Buchanan, W. A. Buchanan, A. S. Dyson.

First question, How to get better attendance in Sunday-school? opened by, and discussed by D. Buchanan, B. D Franklin, E. M. Johnson, P. L. Johnson. Question was adopted.

Quartette, led by C. C. Johnson, Lambert Johnson, Steve Johnson, B. D. Franklin.

Singing by choir.

Second question, How to train the young people to speak and pray in public? Opened by A. G. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, W. A. Buchanan, W. C. Franklin, E. M. Johnson, D. Buchanan, P. L. Johnson.

Third question, How and when shall we prepare the S. S. lesson? Opened by W. C. Franklin.

Names of delegates were called and the following answered:

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Big Meadows—Z D Pyatte, G A Dyson, J G Pyatte, Maude Pyatte.

Crossmore—Stover Benfield, W W Benfield, C C Johnson, Pearl Ollis.

Henson Creek—W A Buchanan.

Pleasant Hill—John Hicks, Dewey Johnson, Ed Buchanan, Florence Hicks.

Yellow Mtn.—Mrs D Buchanan, H R Buchanan, Florence Vance.

Roaring Creek—No delegate.

Adjourned by Rev. W. C. Franklin.

SECOND DAY, Evening Session.

Met at 1: 30 p. m. Singing by choir 30 minutes led by C. C. Johnson, J. L. Franklin, Dave Johnson.

Prayer by E. M. Johnson. Quartette by Big Meadows choir.

Report on Time and Place was read and adopted.

REPORT on TIME and PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of this Convention meet with Crossmore Baptist Sunday S., begining on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. before the third Sunday in Aug. 1918, and that Rev. S. M. Pitman preach the Introductory sermon. Louis Hall alternate.

S. L. Johnson ch., C. C. Johnson, Ed Buchanan, Com.

Report of Com. on Finance was read and approved.

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance make the following report from the different Sunday-schools represented in this convention as follows:

Pleasant Hill	$ 1.25
Yellow Mountain	1.00
Crossmore	1.50
Big Meadows	1.00
Roaring Creek	.50
Total, - - -	$ 5.25
General Collection	1.60
Grand Total, -	$ 6.85

John Hicks, Stover Benfield, N. Pyatte, Com.

The following Resolution were read and all adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the Secretary of this convention make an earnest effort to secure the services of E. L Middleton to attend our next annual meeting, and that the secretary of each Sunday-school write a special letter to him next year in time to have him and other good speakers to come and help us along.

Resolved, That the minute funds of this convention be turned over to the clerk of the association, instructing the same published in associational minutes.

Resolved, That this convention tender to Big Meadows church members and settlement in full, our thanks for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors to this convention.

Resolved, That every Sunday-school organize a Teachers' Training Class in it, in order to prepare our young folks for teaching, as we find that one great need in our S. S. is competent teachers.

Respectfully submitted. P. L. Johnson, D. Buchanan, E. M. Johnson, } Com.

QUESTION BOX

Was opened and the following was found:

Should the S. S. convention invite the choir of each Sunday-school to send their classes to the convention? —By E. M. Johnson.

Discussed by him and J. L. Pyatte. The question was adopted, and each class is invited to attend with full choir.

Second question,—What is the value of an up-to-date S. school?

Discussed by B. D. Franklin, Miligan Wise, P. L. Johnson and W. C. Franklin.

Next on program,—Who should be teachers and officers in a S. S?
Opened and discussed by P. L. Johnson.
Adjourned by W. C. Franklin.

SUNDAY MORNING'S

Session met at 9 o'clock. Opened by singing and prayer.
Singing. Sunday-school mass-meeting.
Sermon by E. M. Johnson.

J. G. PYATTE, Pres.
D. BUCHANAN, Sec'y.

= Obituary =

ELD. ELIAS A. STAMEY was born July 12th 1835. Died Jan. 9th 1917. Age 81 years 5 months and 27 days.

He was married three times. Their happy unions were blessed with 20 children. The wives and three of the children are dead.

Bro Stamey professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist church at St. John, Burk Co., N. C., about the year 1856, later he moved to Mitchell county, and moved his membership to Big Meadows church. About the year 1876 he moved his membership to Brushy Creek Baptist church. and later to Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.

He was ordained to the ministry about the year 1874. Bro. Stamey lived a model life in the home on the farm; in public or private life he was humble. He loved everybody, and everybody loved him.

He was a devoted minister of the gospel, and strongly believed, to serve the Lord, was to love, serve and obey him.

He loved the Bible and believed it to be the power of God unto salvation to every one that believe it in obediance to Christ the Bishop and shepherd of their souls. He is missed in the home, church and community, and a host of friends are bereaved, but let us bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Dear children and grand-children, weep not, but strive to comfort your hearts with the thought that father is over in the glory land just watching and waiting and beconing for you to come.

All who knew him was favorably impressed with his devoted life to God, and the sweetness of his voice to praise the Lord in song, and in death as the sunlight of Heaven beamed into his soul he sang "Bright morning stars arising, Day is breaking in my soul"

Gone from us to reap the blessedness.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth, yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Bro. Stamey whose body lies beneath the cold cold sod, showed by his life long journey, that he ever walked with God.

N. S. Hampton.

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MINUTES

OF THE

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SESSION VII.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION

Crossnore Baptist Church, Sept. 17, 1918.

Opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. L. W. Hall. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. N. S. Hampton. Text: Isaiah 42 chapter and 18 vs.- "Hear ye deaf, look ye blind that ye may see."

Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Rev. D.P.Lowdermilk.

EVENING SESSION, Sept. 17.

The association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing. Called to order by Rev. D. A. Green, the Moderator, by repeating the 23rd Psalm and other appropriate Scriptures and prayer by him. Singing by the choir, There is a Fountain Filled With Blood. Letters were called for from the churches, and the following were handed in, and brethren G. W. Hall and Harrison Burleson were appointed reading clerks:

Oak Grove, Pleasant Valley, Cranberry, Yellow Mtn., Pleasant Hill, Crosnore, Beech Mtn., Ghestnutdale, Big Meadows, Roaring Creek, Henson Creek, Minneapolis, Jonas Ridge Elk Park, Mt. Pleasant, Powdermill, Green Valley, Flat Springs, and Aaron.

No new churches.

On motion visitors were called for. D. P. Lowdermilk from Green River association, and N. S. Hampton from Stony Fork association, were cordially invited to seats by the moderator.

The term of office now having expired, on motion nominations were called for and D. A. Green was nominated for Moderator, and Bro. D. P. Lowdermilk put the motion befor the congregation and he was duly elected and accepted.

On motion D. Buchanan was nominated for Clerk and elected for the next year.

Committees were appointed for the different objects as follows:

State Missions—D P Lowdermilk, L W Hall.

Home and Foreign Missions—N S Hampton, E M Johnson, and G A Martin.

Education—D T Weatherman, Harrison Burleson.

Orphanage—T F Cook, R L Hall, G A Martin.

State of Churches—J A Weatherman, S A Johnson.

Pastoral Support—Monroe Green, Ed Buchanan:

Woman's Work—Mrs M L Ollis, Mrs J L Pyatte.

Finance—J G Buchanan, Fritz Hall, Daniel Phillips.

Obituaries—N S Hampton, D P Lowdermilk.
Time and Place—T F Cook, J G Buchanan.
Sunday Schools—P F Grindstaff, Jack Taylor.
Preaching—D P Lowdermilk, Deacons of Green Valley church.
Temperance—E M Johnson, J A Weatherman.
Resolutions—N S Hampton, J A Weatherman.
Ministerial Relief—L L Ollis, C C Cook, Ed Buchanan.
Periodicals—J P Grindstaff, L W Hall.
Order of Business—N S Hampton, E M Johnson, D P Lowdermilk

Singing by the choir.

On motion a resolution was taken up and read by N. S. Hampton as we had a printed report. On motion the report was received and discussed by N. S. Hampton, D. Buchanan, E. M. Johnson, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Whereas, a great many Baptists, including many ministers and members of their families, suffer from tuberculosis, and

Whereas, tuberculosis is more prevalent in the South than in the nation as a whole and is rapidly spreading on account of the war, and

Whereas, the people of El Paso, Texas, have donated to the Baptists and have deeded to the Home Mission Board 143 acres of land containing a magnificent administration or headquarters building erected by them at a cost of $65,000,00, and

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Sanatorium intends not only to care for and treat tubercular patients but to conduct a continuous campaign against tuberculosis in the South by teaching people everywhere how to care for tubercular patients, how to cure tuberculosis at home and how to prevent it from spreading, and

Whereas, many poor tubercular people are now seeking admission to this blessed institution, which cannot receive them until another building can be erected and equipment secured for which purposes there are not now sufficient funds, Therefore,

Resolved, that this association give its hearty endorsement to the Southern Baptist Sanatorium; That we request our pastors and missionaries to solicit funds and take public offerings for it; our churches, Sunday-schools, Ladies', Young Peoples' and children's organizations to contribute to its work, and that a collection of cash and pledges be now taken and forwarded immediately to Superintendent H. F. Vermillion, El Paso, Texas.

N. S. Hampton, J. A. Weatherman.

Committee on Preaching reported that L. W. Hall would preach at night and E. M. Johnson, second day at 11 o'clock.

The Delegates were assigned homes.

On motion the association adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow Singing. Dismissed by D. P. Lowdermilk.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 18.

Devotional Exercises were conducted one half hour by E.M.Johnson by reading part 15th chap. of John, and talking and prayer.

Association was called to regular business by the Moderator.

On motion Order of Business was read by the Clerk and adopted

Correspondents were called for, and Rev. G. A. Martin from the Green River Association was invited to a seat. He also represented the Orphanage and State Missions. Also Rev. C. C. Cook from the Mitchell Co. Association was duly invited to a seat.

On motion, minutes of first day's session were read and approved.

Report on State Missions was called for and read by D. P. Lowdermilk and received. Discussed by G. A. Martin. By permission of the Moderator, Bro. Martin took a free-will offering for the Orphanage, which amounted to $6.40. Report on State Missions was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

The preaching of the Gospel and the planting and development of the churches in North Carolina is State Missions. Oweing to the draft of our boys into the army, our membership is considerably smaller than it was last year. This calls for a greater sacrifice on the remaining Baptists than ever before in our history. We have at least 2,173 churches with a membership of 283,095 in our State; yet there are destitute places. Many churches are without pastors. There are schools to be built and maintained, and thousands of souls are needing a pure gospel. Every new town or industry that is established calls for renewed effort on our part.

This year instead of doing more, if anything, we have fallen short on State Missions; so let all the churches in Avery county do their part this year.

D. P. Lowdermilk, L. W. Hail, G. A. Martin, Com.

Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith, and Constitution that were printed in the Minutes in 1914 were read and adopted.

The names of Delegates were called and absentees all marked off.

It was moved and seconded that no names appear on Minutes except those who attended the association.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was called for and read by N. S. Hampton and received, and discussed by him.

On motion the association adjourned for one hour for dinner.

Benediction by D. P. Lowdermilk.

EVENING SESSION,—Second Day.

The association was called in by singing by the choir and called to order by the Moderator, and discussion of Home and Foreign Missions was continued by C. C. Cook. Report was adopted.

HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONS

The work of Home Missions is fundamental to our highest efficiency as it is based at the present time. The work needs our best support. Wherever the American flag sails is Home Missions to us.

The American soldiers in camp and in the tranches need the strong arm of the gospel thrown around them, and our Baptist denomination is making an effort to give the soldier boy the gospel thru Home Missions, even to the front trenches as it advances into Ferman territory. The work that is being done through Home Missions in the waring districts is encouraging that numbers of soldiers have professed faith in Christ and write home that they are ready to meet Christ in peace.

We earnestly insist that each church in this association take at least one collection each month for Home Missions.

Foreign Missions.— That as Baptists and enjoined by the holy Scriptures, we cannot avoid urging our people to be very zealous toward Foreign Missions. Our Saviour said: Go ye into al the world and make disciples of all nations.

We believe that to us yet still, is the marching orders of the Lord is: Go teach all nations.

The unchristian world is now in a peculiar condition and the door of opportunity is now open to us. Will we accept the invitation of Christ our Saviour as he says let our lights shine. Let us be true to our Lord, letting our light shine in the home church, State, United States and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

There are many ways in which we can go. We can go with our means and prayers and in person.

N. S. Hampton, E. M. Johnson.

Pledges were taken for different missions as follows:
Big Meadows $32.00, Crossnore $34.00, Flat Spring $10.00, Green Valley $12.00, Jonns Ridge $15.00, Plsasant Hill $15.00, Powdermill $5.00, Roaring Creek $10.00, Yellow Mt. $10, Mt. Pleasant $6.

Report on Orphanage was read by D. P. Lowdermilk and discussed by him, E. M. Johnson, and N. S. Hampton. Report adopted.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage is a Christian home for the children who are left without father or mother to care for them.

We have 525 children in the orphanage home at the present time. The cost of one child is 35 cents per day, considering the high prices

of everything, and quality of service rendered, we think it very reasonable indeed. This involves a large expenditure. A year's support is about $400.00, to meet their demands.

We make the following suggestions to our churches and Sunday-schools: That some one be appointed by each church as an Orphanage representative. Respectfully,

C. C. Cook, R. L. Hall.

Report on Education was read by H. S. Burleson, and same was received. Discussed by C. C. Cook, N. S. Hampton and D.A. Green.

Report was adopted.

REPORT on EDUCATION

We rejoice in the great progress that our beloved State has made in Education in the last few years. We believe that no state in the Union has decreased the percentage of illitercay more than our own State of North Carolina, and no county has made greater progress than Avery, and no people has had more to do in the great educational movement than the Baptists of North Carolina.

We urge upon the Baptists of Avery association to rally to the support of our public schools, and use their influence in securing Christian men and women as teachers to train the minds of our young boys and girls, While the excitement and hardships of this awful war are on, our people are in danger of losing their interest, to some extent, in the education of our boys and girls. Therefore we urge upon our preachers and leaders to make a special effort to hold up our educational institutions to their present capacity and increase their efficiency when it is possible to do so. As the present great World War is a conflict between free governments and absolute monarchies, and as we believe by the help of God, democracy will win in the great conflict, we realize that the call for our educated young men after the war in setting up our institutions of freedom, is going to be the greatest our nation has ever known. It behooves us as Baptists to see that our young men and women are properly trained that they may measure up to the responsibilities that will be thrust upon them. No education is complete without proper Christian training. Therefore we recommend to those seeking a higher education, the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, Meredith and Wake Forest colleges.

Resp'y, H. S. Burleson, D. T. Weatherman.

Report on Temperance was read by E. M. Johnson. Report received, and discussed by him, J. A. Weatherman, N. S. Hampton, and D. P. Lowdermilk; and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance submit the following viz:

We find that the laws of our God, as well as the laws of our coun-

try are broken and the dangerous drug is used extensively in our county, and we advise that our Baptist people restore a broken law by means of prosicuting and using all their influence against all who are indulging in the use of strong drink.

We further urge that the voters of our association, not to support any officer who is not a temperate man. Let us use all precaution in our homes in training the young and setting forth the results of intoxicating drinks, Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Johnson, J. A. Weatherman.

Report on Sunday-schools was read by J. P. Grindstaff, and rec'd. On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock next day. Prayer by E.M. Johnson

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, Sept. 19.

Called to order by the Moderator, singing and devotional exercises conducted by him, by repeating a number of appropriate scriptures.

Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

Corresponding brethren were invited to seat with us. Rev's M. L. Buchanan, and A. G. Buchanan from Mitchell Co. association.

The discussion on Sunday-schools was opened by N. S. Hampton, followed by E. M. Johnson. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your Com. on Sunday-schools beg to report that nearly all the churches have good Sunday-schools. We find that in the state there are several churches that have no Sunday-schools and that some of them are in the bounds of our association.

We recommend that each pastor and deacon see that each church has a Sunday-school. We find that our Sunday-school Convention was very well represented and suggest that each church see that the next session is well represented on the whole S. S. work in our Co.

J. P. Grindstaff, A. J. Taylor.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by the Clerk and received, discussed by J. A. Weatherman, D. Buchanan, M. L. Buchanan, and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

On investigation we find that our churches are not doing anything like their duty in the support of their pastors. We notice in the reports from different churches that there are some churches with 100 members and more that pay their pastors only about $40 or $50.00. How do our people expect to have a better gospel and more souls saved if they fail to make a greater sacrifice to support their pastors?

We as your committee recommend that the churches all elect a finance committee, composed of the deacons and other lay members, for the purpose of collecting the pastor's salary and other financial contributions.— S. M. Greene, Ed W. Buchanan.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. M. L. Ollis and received. Discussed by her, E. M. Johnson, D. P. Lowdermilk, N. S. Hampton, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

Urged by the sisters of Green Valley church Woman's Society.

Women in the churches and association of Avery Co. are doing a great work for the cause of Christ. They are raising a large amount of money for State and Foreign missions. They also work in the church and Sabbath school and are helping to make teachers of the S. S. students. We need a Woman's Missionary Society in every church in Avery Co. Association. The pastor can be of great help to the women in the churches by incouraging them in the great work for Christ. This is a time in the world's history when we should get busy and work more for Christ. Let us strive to do more in the future than we have in the past. We also urge that the pastors help organize a women's society at their next regular meeting, in every church, and while this is on our minds, let us go to work.

We as Christian sisters can go out in the high ways and hedges and invite the lost ones to come to Christ. We can go to God and ask his mercy on the dear soldier boys who are some mothers children.

This is a time when every Christian should be continually engaged in God's work. Let us as children of God stand strong in the faith of our Lord and master who died for us.

Mrs. J. L. Pyette, Mrs. M. L. Ollis, Committee.

Report on Time and Place was read by Clerk, spoken to by N. S. Hampton, M. L. Buchanan, E. M. Johnson, and D. Buchanan.

On motion was amended by changing time of meeting of this Asso.

TIME and PLACE

Dear brethren:—We your committee on Time and Place recommend that our next session be held with Crossnore Baptist church, to begin on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1919, and that Rev. D. A. Green preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. S. M. Pitman be his alternate. Respectfully submitted.

J. G. Buchanan, Ch., T. F. Cook, Com.

Resolution No. 2. was read by N. S. Hampton and received.

Discussed by J. A. Weatherman and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We recommend to the churches of Avery Co. Baptist association that each church send to the next session of this Asso. a full delegation of 4 from each church.

Resolved, That this association recommend that each church of this Asso. meet at least once a month with all that please to meet and offer prayer through Christ to God the Father for mercy and forgiveness

for our personal and national sins, and cleanse the hearts and guide the minds of our rulers, bless and protect our armies and help us as a nation to repent and forsake all things that is against His will, that He if it be His will, may give our armies the victory in Jesus name.

We recommend, That the minutes of the Baptist S. S. convention be printed in our minutes, and the minute money collected in S. S. convention be used in defraying expenses of printing.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due and are tendered to this community and church for their hospitality in entertaining this annual gathering so wonderfully.

Resolved, That we as an association, advise the Baptist S. schools to use as much as possible Baptist teachers in their S. schools, and we do not think it adviseable for our Avery Co. S. S. Con. to discuss an Avery Co. interdenominational convention separate from the Baptist.

N. S. Hampton, J. A. Weatherman.

Report on State of Churches was read by N. S. Hampton. Adopted.

STATE of CHURCHES

Last year 17 churches reported having pastors, and 3 churches did not report any pastor, 2 were not represented.

This year 19 churches report having pastors, 2 churches, no report.

Last year 27 churches reported pastor's salary $939.93, 2 churches did not report any pastor's salary.

This year 18 churches reported pastors salary $1093.72, 4 churches, for building and repairs $190.25.

Last year 17 churches reported Sunday S., 3 reported no schools.

This year 19 churches report Sunday-schools, 2 no report.

Last year 2 S. S. report $8.13 for missions, 19 S. S. report no Mis.

This year no S. S. missions reported.

Last year 13 churches reported 74 baptisms,

This year 18 churches report 139 baptisms.

Last year 12 churches reported for State Missions $46.71.

This year 8 churches report $22.00 for State Missions.

Last year 12 churches reported for Home Missions $49.93.

This year 10 churches reported $30.07 for Home Missions.

Last year 9 churches reported $30.87 for Foreign Missions.

This year 7 churches reported $22.11 for Foreign Missions.

Last year 12 churches reported $129.10 for Orphanage.

This year 13 churches reported $98.33 for Orphanage.

We find there is a falling off in the contributions for missions. We urge the pastors to make an effort to educate their churches on Missions. By N. S. Hampton for the committee.

Report on Aged Minister's Relief was read by C. C. Cook and received, discussed by him, and adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We your committee request that every church try to do more for the old ministers next year, because the expenses of living are higher. The Board is trying to raise the Old Ministers' fund this year.

We advise all the churches to take a collection once or twice a year for this object. C. C. Cook, L. L. Cook.

(Above names are printed as signed to the report.—Printer.)

A report on Obituaries was read by N. S. Hampton, which was received and adopted.

Miscellaneous items came up, and Rev. M. L. Buchanan offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That this association appoint the following brethren to plan, advertise, and conduct Fifth Sunday Meetings in the order named below, viz:

1st. Rev D. A. Green, 2nd. Rev. S. M Pitman,
3rd. Rev. L W. Hall, 4th. Rev. M. L. Buchanan.

M. L. Buchanan.

The fifth Sunday meeting was invited to meet with Yellow Mtn. church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. The next meeting place to be appointed from this, and so on.

A motion carried, that the Finance committee hand their report to the Clerk after all churches have made their report to the Com , and that the Clerk is here by empowered to call on the churches for more funds if needed, to defray expenses of printing the minutes &c.

FINANCE

We the Com. on Finance report, received from the delegates of the different churches as follows:

Minute fund from churches,	$21.48	
From Sunday S. Convention,	6.85	
Orphanage,	44.50	
Ministerial Relief,	6.00	
State Missions.	21.55	
Home Missions,	29.55	
Foreign Missions,	22.11	
Total,		$152.04

We recommend that the Clerk has 500 copies of the proceedings of this Asso. printed and distributed to the churches, also that the Clerk have $7.00 for his services, and that if he has not sufficient funds to defray expenses of printing &c., that he calls on the churches for funds needed. Fraternally submitted,

J. G. Buchanan, D. M. Phillips, F. J. Hall, Com.

On motion that report on Periodicals also be handed in later on and

printed in the minutes, but was discussed by N. S. Hampton, M. L. Buchanan, and E. M. Johnson.

PERIODICALS

We can get much information through periodicals. We recommend the use of these periodicals in the home, in place of novels which are calculated to lead our children from God. We want to use such as the Biblical Recorder, Baptist Standard, Foreign Mission Journal, and Charity and Children, and we further recommend Baptist literature in homes and schools.

J. P. Grindstaff, L. W. Hall, Com.

CLERK'S REPORT

I beg lieve to report the following received from the Finance Committee for 1917:

Orphanage	$ 47.29
Home Missions	39.41
Foreign Missions	23.57
State Missions.	24.00
Minute Funds,	19.56
	$153.83

and was disbursed for the different objects as set forth above for Missions and Orphanage.

Received from Sunday school Convention Minute Funds $ 6.85
Total Minute Funds, $26.41.

Paid for printing Minutes,	$ 20.00
Clerk's Fees,	5.00
Postage,	2.85
Total - - - - - - .	$27.85

Over paid funds in my hands $1.44.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. A. Green.	T. W. Hall.	L. W. Hall.
J. A. Sparks.	T. Jones.	S. M. Pitman.
S. A. Hughs.	W. M. Gardner.	

LICENTIATE MINISTERS

T. W. Keller. L. C. Shell.

A motion carried, that J. D. Braswell, J. N. Pritchard, and Webb Braswell still be retained as Executive Committee to confer with the State Board, building, etc. for this association.

On motion Three Forks Association was invited to correspond with this association.

On motion we had a song and thirty minutes devotional service of prayer for the success of this association and the success of the allied armies that the dark cloud be lifted from the nations.

Talk by N. S. Hampton. Prayer and talk by M. L. Buchanan.

Dismissed by prayer.

D. A. GREEN, *Moderator.*
D. BUCHANAN, *Clerk.*

OBITUARY

Rev. W. M. Cannon was born near Blowing Rock, N.C., and died Nov. 27, 1917, aged 57 years.

In 1870 his father, Alfred Cannon, moved to the western part of Watauga. Bro. Cannon married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Brazilla McBride, when 19 years of age.

He realized his lost condition and committed his soul to his Redeemer and was born of God and baptized into the fellowship of Beech Mountain Baptist church by Rev. Leonard Buchanan.

Later he had an impression to preach the gospel, and the church gave him that privilege, and he was ordained by Elders D. C. Harman, A. J. Harman, and J. L. Younce about the year 1893.

Bro. Cannon contracted typhoid fever and thought from the first that he would not recover, telling his wife how to settle his business.

He leaves a wife and eight children—5 daughters and 3 sons— to mourn their loss, but blessed thought! our loss is heaven's gain.

Dear wife and children, weep not, but comfort your hearts with the thought that Bro. Cannon is not dead, but he, the spiritual man is over in the glory land present with spirits and angels, and the beconing hand is inviting you to be ready, for the test will soon be on.

Are you ready, if God should call, to meet as a whole family at Jesus' feet? Bro. Cannon is greatly missed in home, church, and community and leaves a host of friends to lament his departure, but God has called him to His arms into rest, sweet rest, with the blest, yet he lives in our memory. His life showed that he walked with God.

Dearest one thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

By N. S. Hampton.

Delegates From Each Church

Aaron—No delegate.
Beech Mountain—T. F. Cook.
Big Meadows—D M Phillips, Alph Carpenter, Mrs J L Pyatte.
Crossnore—J G Buchanan, Jeter Vance.
Cranberry—No delegate.
Chestnutdale—Blank.
Elk Park—Blank.
Flat Springs—S M Green.
Green Valley—D T Weatherman, F J Hall, J P Grindstaff, D S Ollis
Henson Creek—W M Watson, Esther Watson.
Jonas Ridge—No delegates.
Mt. Pleasant—H S Burleson, Mrs. R E Carpenter.
Oak Grove—A J Taylor.
Pleasant Hill—Ed W Buchanan, Pearl Ollis, L L Ollis.
Powdermill—No delegates.
Pleasant Valley—No delegates.
Roaring Creek—No delegates.
Yellow Mt.— D Buchanan and Mrs. D Buchanan.

TABLE 1.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Aaron	N. S. Hampton	Blowing Rock	W. W. Braswell	Montezuma	2	$ 300	..	..	..	1	..	..	15	23	38
Beech Mtn.	R L Palmer	Beech Creek N C	W C Church	Dark Ridge	1	1000	5	1	1	6			95	114	219
Big Meadows	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J L Pyatte	Pyatte N C	1	600	18	4	3	4			55	70	125
Crossnore	N S Hampton	" "	P L Johnson	Crossnore	1	2000	2					2	52	88	140
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	JohnsonCityTenn	R N Cardwell	Cranberry	1	.....	4	1				1	34	48	82
Chestnutdale	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Sill Huffman	Hughs	4	.....	5	2					17	19	36
Elk Park.	M L Buchanan	Bakersville	W N Carroll	Elk Park	4	.....							15	17	32
Flat Springs	D A Green	Dark Ridge	D L Green	Whaley	4	700	10	3		1	2		52	51	103
Green Valley	D P Lowdermilk	Marion, N C	F J Hall	Spruce Pine	2	500	12	1	1	1		1	27	60	87
Henson Creek	L W Hall	Minneapolis	J M Greer	Spear	3	500	7						20	27	47
Jonas Ridge	C C Cook	Bakersville	J D Clark	Jonas Ridge	3	250	43	8	2	2			43	65	108
Minneapolis	D A Green	Dark Ridge	R Z Burleson	Minneapolis	3	1500									
Mt. Pleasant	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	H S Burleson	Hughs	2	.....	1	2	1	1		1			26
Oak Grove	"	"	A A Johnson	Montezuma	2	.....	4	3	3				18	30	48
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Johnson City Ten	Luther Ollis	Frank	1	1723	8	1		1			109	114	214
Powdermill	D A Green	Dark Ridge	Tom Green	Senia	1	600	7	1	4				26	38	64
Pleasant Valley	John Keller	Beech Creek	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	4	250	10		3	3			67	115	182
Roaring Creek	D A Green	Dark Ridge	J G Hughs	Valley	1	.....	3		3	3		3	54	88	142
Yellow Mtn	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Vester Stafford	Spear	2-3	800			1		5		59	60	119

Table 2—Financial

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron	50.00			22.00									72.00
Big Meadows	98.60			15 00	1.80	2.25		5.00					117.65
Beech Mtn	43 45		20.00	1 26		1 25	3.00			7.00			75 96
Cranberry	120.00					1 05		1.00		10.30			132 35
Crossnore	65 54			31.32	6.00	2.15						31 87	105 56
Chestnutdale	50 00		4.00	6 00						5.00			65 00
Elk Park	40 50		2 90				6.01						49 41
Flat Springs	31 52		7 00	6.00	4.00	1.00		2.00	1.00	3.00			56 02
Green Valley	76 68	104.25	39 32	4 64		1 30	2 50	6 00	2 50	22 20			243 39
Henson Creek	60 00	20 00	4 00	7 00	10 00	.75							101 76
Jonas Ridge	125			4 50		2 15	5		10.54	11 05	5.00	15.00	178 24
Mt. Pleasant	45	52		7		1		1 75		5 00			111 95
Minneapolis	42.74			17.93		1	2	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00		71 67
Oak Grove	48.38		12.47	7.00		1							69 85
Powdermill	18 36			15		.95	1 50			5 00			31 31
Pleasant Hill	120		12 96	73 30	35.00	1 43	5	5.00	4.00	6 70			261 37
Pleasant Valley	18 45	14.00		6 12		1 25	1 01	1 07	1 07	3 20		16.61	62 85
Roaring Creek	30.			16 08	3 08	1 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1.00	8.50	62 08
Yellow Mtn	100.			32 28		1 25		4 25		13.88			

TABLE III.-SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aaron	W. S. Sudderth	Montezuma	W. W. Braswell	Montezuma	1	5	20	30	15	12		10.00			12.00	22.00
Beech Mtn.	G W McGuire	Dark Ridge	Joel Palier	Dark Ridge	1	5	55					1.26				1.26
Big Meadows	C C Johnson	Pyatte	N M Pyatte	Pyatte	1	6		125		12	14	15.00			1.80	16.80
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	E Cornett	Crossnore	1	12	80	150	75	12	2	31.32				31.32
Cranberry																
Chestnutdale	J D Braswell	Minneapolis	Stella Holtsclaw	Hughs	1	6	50	60	13	9	1	6.00				6.00
Elk Park																
Flat Springs	W C Green	Whaley	D L Green	Whaley	1	7	60	67		12	10	6.00	3.00	3.00		12.00
Green Valley	F L Hall	Spruce Pine	G Wiseman	Linville Falls	1	7	50	60	35	9	12	8.64				8.64
Henson Creek	F Buchanan	Spear	Dona King	Spear	1	6	40	50	25	12	3	6.00			5.00	11.00
Jonas Ridge	T W Keller	Jonas Ridge	Lloyd Barrier	Jonas Ridge	1	8	75	84	35	12	20	4.50				4.50
Minneapolis	W J Tolley	Minneapolis	M D Buchanan	Minneapolis	1	7	50	57		12		17.93		5.00		22.93
Mt. Pleasant	H S Burleson	Hughs	Steve Carpenter	Hughs	1	5	80	94	15	9	1	7.20			1.00	8.20
Oak Grove	T Jones	Newland	Birty Parker	Newland	1	4	40	50	10	6	2	7.00				7.00
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Florence Hicks	Frank	1	10	100	135	80	12		73.30	14.00	6.70		94.10
Powdermill	Robt Buchanan	Senia	M M Miller	Senia	1	11	50	85	25	12		15.00				15.00
Pleasant Valley	J T Combs	Elk Park	Lecher McGuire	Elk Park	1	4	80	85	30	9	10	6.12			9.90	17.03
Roaring Creek	R T Lewis	Valley	Dora Green	Valley	1	7	125	132		12	3	16.08				16.08
Yellow Mtn.	H R Buchanan	Plumtree	D Buchanan	Spear	1	6	50	80	30	12		8.17		13.88	10.23	32.28

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist S. S. Convention 1918.

Crossnore, N. C. August 16, 1918.

The Convention met with Crossnore church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. M. Pitman. Text: 1st Kings 6th Chapt. 7 verse, "Fitting stones for the builder's use."

The election of officers was entered into, and Mr. J. L. Pyatte was elected Pres. and W. W. Braswell, Sec.

The Pres. proceeded to appoint Coms. as follows:

On Program—McDonald Franklin, W. W. Benfield, Wilburn Pyatte, John Hicks, Rhoda Carpenter.

Finance—T. W. Childres, J. A. Dyson, Frank Clarke.

Time and Place—Colman Johnson, John Hicks, William Pyatte.

Noon, Lunch 1½ hrs.

AFTER NOON SESSION.

1:30 Singing by choir. Prayer Rev. McCoy Franklin.

1:45. Progress of S. S. in past year, opened by Crossnore S. S. with the following points gained:

1. Teacher's Training class.
2. Lookout committee.
3. Graded Lessons.
4. Growth of classes.

Aaron—discussed by W W Braswell and T W Childres.

Minneapolis—by Mr W W Pyatte.

Big Meadow—by J W Dyson and J L Pyatte.

Mt Pleasant—No letter, represented by Mrs Roda Carpenter.

Pleasant Hill—No discussion.

2:30. Question: Are we doing our duty in S. S.? Led by McCoy Franklin.

Song by Con. Discusssion resumed on question by J L Pyatte, McDonald Franklin and T W Childres.

3:00. Adjourned till 8:30.

Lecture by Rev. McCoy Franklin. Theme: 2nd Tim. 2nd chap. 15 v.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Aug. 17, 1918.

The Con. met at 9 a. m. according to adjournment.

9:00. Devotional services were conducted by McDonald Franklin which consisted of a number of very lively songs and reading and commenting on parts of the 100th and 127 Psalms.

9:30. Letters of tardy S. S. were called for, and the following received:—Oak Grove and Green Valley.

Minutes of preceeding day read and approved.

Questions and discussions were taken up.

9:45. Who should attend Sunday-school? Led by N. S. Hampton.

10:00. How to get better attendance in Sunday-school. Led by McCoy Franklin and thoroughly discussed by others.

10:45. Song by Convention, "The King's Business."

11:00. Training the young folks to speak, pray and teach in public. Led by Colman Johnson, stress laid on C. E. work as a means of getting young people to speak in public.

11:30. Preparing the Lesson. Led by Miss. Pritchard, followed by Rev. W. A. Braswell.

Com. on Resolutions appointed Rev. N. S. Hampton, P. L. Johnson and R. L. Hall.

Moved and passed that Sunday-schools not represented be allowed to send letters to Convention Clerk, and delegates be enrolled.

12:00. Adjourned.

AFTER NOON SESSION

1:00. Question box opened and the following discussed:

1. Who should work in Sunday-school?
2. Who should select the songs, the Supt. or the organist?
3. Preparing one room churches for Sunday-school.
4. What would be the advantages of an Avery Co. inter-denominational Sunday-school Convention? Not discussed.

2:15 Who should teach in Sunday-school? Opened by W. W. Braswell.

2:45. Report of Com. on Time and Place called for and adopted.

TIME and PLACE

We the Com. on Time and Place, agree that the next session of this Convention shall be held with Pleasant Hill Baptist Sunday-school, begining on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Aug. 1919, and Bro. W. A. Braswell to preach the Introductory sermon, S. M. Pitman, alternate.

John Hicks, W. W. Pyatte, C. C. Johnson, Com.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, That the minute fund of this convention be turned over to the Clerk of the association, instructing him to have the minutes of the convention, printed in the associational minutes.

2. Resolved, That every Sunday-school organize a teacher's training class, in order to prepare our young folks for teachers, as we find one great need in our S. schools is competent teachers.

3. That this convention tender its thanks to Crossnore church, Sunday-school, and community for their hospitality shown us during this session.

4. We recommend that the churches should elect the officers of the Sunday-schools.

5. We recommend that each Sunday-school encourage and assist the inforcement of the prohibitionary laws, that the cause of intemperance be suppressed, as it is an evil against church, home and Sunday-school. Respectfully submitted,

N. S. Hampton, R. L. Hall, P. L. Johnson, Com.

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance make the following report on the different Sunday-schools represented:

Green Valley,	$ .50
Oak Grove,	.50
Mt. Pleasant,	1.00
Aaron,	.60
Big Meadows,	.75
Crossnore	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Jonas Ridge	.50
Total,	$6.85

T. W. Childress, J. A. Dyson, Frank Clarke, Com.

PROGRAMME

The Programme Committee shall be composed of the President and Secretary of the Convention and three associate members who's duty it shall be to have programme prepared and publish same in Co. paper one month before the next convention.

J. L. Pyatte, Pres. W. W. Braswell, Sec.
W. W. Pyatte, N. A. Buchanan, John Hicks.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION

Educational Rally, conducted by McDonald Franklin.

J. L. Pyatte, President.
W. W. Braswell, Clerk.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC. & P. O.	No. Sch'ls	Off. & T's	Pupils	Total Enrolled	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mos. open	School Ex	Orphan-age	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron	Sid Sudderth	Monezuma	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	1	7	60	80	%	12	10.00		12.00	22.00
Big Meadows	C C Johnson	Pyatte	N M Pyatte, Pyatte	1	6	75	125		12	15.32		1.80	16.12
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Enoch Cornett, Crossnore	1	14	80	138	75%	12	24.92		18.40	43.32
Green Valley	R L Hall	Ingalls	Girtha Wiseman, Ingalls	1		51	65		9	7.60			7.60
Jonas Ridge	T W Keller	Jonas Ridge	W M Shuffler, Jonas Ridge	1		60	75		9	9.50		.50	10.00
Minneapolis	W J Tolley	Minneapolis	Monroe Buchanan, Minn.	1	9	45	60		12	15.00	5.00		20.00
Oak Grove	Troy Jones	Newland	Charity Johnson, Newland	1	6	50	61		9	3.00		.50	3.50
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Florence Hicks, Frank	1	10	100	135	80%	12	73.30	6.90		80.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

AVERY COUNTY

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CROSSNORE CHURCH

August 21—23,

1919.

REV. D. A. GREEN, Moderator.
D. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

Next session will be held with Minneapolis church, Minneapolis, N. C., beginning on Thursday before fourth Sunday in August, 1920.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Association

Crossnore, N. C., August 21, 1919.

Avery County Baptist association met in its 8th annual session with Crossnore Baptist church.

Opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. S. M. Pitman.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. D. A. Green. Scripture lesson 124th Psalm. Text, Matthew 1 chap. 21 verse, after which prayer was offered, led by Lee J. Jones. The choir sang "Stand up for Jesus." Delegates were then assigned homes. On motion the meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. N. S. Hampton

EVENING SESSION,—First day.

Association met according to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Singing. Prayer by Rev. N. S. Hampton.

Regular business was then taken up. Letters from the different churches were called for, and Reading Clerks were appointed—R. T. Lewis and S. C. Braswell, — and letters were read from churches as follows: 1 Aaron, 2 Green Valley, 3 Elk Valley, 4 Chestnutdale, 5 Minneapolis, 6 Crossnore, 7 Pleasant Valley, 8 Flat Springs, 9 Big Meadows, 10 Beech Mtn., 11 Henson Creek, 12 RoaringCreek 13 Mt. Pleasant, 14 Yellow Mt., 15 Jonas Ridge, 16 Powdermill, 17 Pleasant Hill, 18 Oak Grove, 19 Cranberry.

Corresponding brethren were called for, and the following brethren asked for seats in the association: Rev. A. J. Crisp from Caldwell County association; from Green River association, Rev. Lee J. Jones; from Stony Fork asso., Rev. N. S. Hampton; from Holston asso. in Tenn., Rev. J. M. Whitaker; from Sandy Run association, Rev. J. L. Thorn; from Three Forks asso., Rev. W. A. Braswell; from Mitchell County asso., Rev. C. M. Murchison, also he represents the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. E. M. Johnson from Holston association of Tenn.

They were all invited to seats by the moderator, D. A. Green, in behalf of the association.

The terms of the officers of the Asso. having expired, on motion by S. C. Braswell that D. A. Green be elected to succeed himself, Bro. N. S. Hampton put the question to the association and D. A. Green was unanimously elected and accepted in appropriate remarks.

On motion by E. M. Johnson that D. Buchanan be elected Clerk by acclamation and motion carried and he was duly elected to succeed himself, and accepted.

The association was then declared duly organized for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

Committees for various objects were appointed as follows:

State Missions—R. T. Lewis, N. S. Hampton.
Periodicals—W C Green, C M Murchison.
Home & Foreign Missions—Lee J Jones, A L Miller.
Education—Irven Green, W A Braswell.
Orphanage—E M Johnson, V W Green.
Finance—J G Buchanan, B A Ollis.
Woman's Work—Miss Madge Johnson, Miss Cordie Franklin.
Pastoral Support—J W Whitaker, J A Sparkes.
Obituaries—W M Gardner, A E Norman.
Time & Place—W W Pyatte, J A Weatherman.
Temperance—S M Pitman, Monroe Dugger.
Resolutions—J L Pyatte, D C Braswell.
Sunday Schools—P L Johnson, H R Burleson.

On motion by E. M. Johnson that Report on Periodicals be discussed and report read later. Discussed by C. M. Murchison and E. M. Johnson.

PERIODICALS

We can get much information through periodicals. We recommand the use of these Periodicals in the home and in our schools in place of novels and trashy literature which are calculated to lead our children and weak members away from God.

We ought to use such literature and papers that the Bible will support. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, Baptist Standard, Foreign Mission Journal and Charity and Children to be used in our homes and schools, and especially the Biblical Recorder in all of our homes.

W. C. Green,
C. M. Murchison.

Committee on preaching reported that Rev. J. W. Whitaker will preach at night.

On motion by P. L. Johnson that the association adjourn till 9 o'clock Friday.

Benediction by Lee J. Jones.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Opened by singing. Thirty minutes devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Thorn. Scripture lesson Acts 10 chapter.

Prayer led by W. A. Braswell. Singing: At The Cross.

The association was then called to order by D. A. Green the Mod. and church letters were called for and four were handed in, read, and recorded.

The preceeding day's session was read and adopted.

Discussion on Periodicals was continued by E. M. Johnson and D. Buchanan. Report was adopted.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by L. J. Jones.

HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONS

The vastness of the world war, and the greatness of America's part in reconstruction, put on Southern Baptists a new and limitless responsibility in the world's spiritual regeneration and reconstruction.

The Day of Days for Baptist people is here. With modern conveniences the one time foreign field is brought near to us and we are responsible as never before for both Home and Foreign Missions. We laid our gold at the feet of the god of war, saying: We will win; and we won. The war work cried out "Money", and we brought it forth. Wise heads said in the Southern Baptist Convention: We need and must have 75 millions for Baptist work, which includes both Home and Foreign missions.

We cannot afford to face other Christian nations except we go over the top in the 75 million drive. The world is looking as never before to see what Christian America will do for humanity for God. Under God's guiding hand let Southern Baptists lead.

Respectfully submitted. A. L. Miller }
Lee J. Jones } Comm.

Report on State Missions was read by N. S. Hampton.

STATE MISSIONS

North Carolina Baptists and their work.

There are about two and one-half million poplation in it, counting whites and blacks. There are over half a million Baptists in N. C.

There are in North Carolina 288,970 white Baptists. We have 2,191 churches and 65 district associations. These co-operate in our Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention works through several agencies: through three colleges and 13 secondary schools; through a board of education; through a board of relief for aged and infirm ministers; through an orphanage; through a board of missions. and the Biblical Recorder, its official organ.

The one purpose of the Baptist State Convention is to serve the North Carolina Baptist churches and their members as a means of expression and co-operation in extending the reign of Christ on earth

So large and complex is this work that it develops in divers lines. But there are three general directions of our endeaver in this task:

1st. Social Service.— Social service is not Christianity, it is the fruit of Christianity. Ministers' Relief, Temperance, and Orphanage are phases of our social service work.

2d. Christian Education is not Christianity, it is a method of Christianity. Our Churches, Sunday Schools, Colleges and Secondary schools are.

3d. Missions is Christianity. Missions is a Father's loving thought of a whole lost world.

State Missions is this work in our State.

Let us get the great commission of Christ: Go preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them,—Missions,— teaching them to observe."—Education,—"whatsoever I have commanded you."
—Matthew 25: 34--46. Luke 4: 18--22.

Social service is included in what Jesus commanded us to do.

Respectfully submitted. N. S Hampton.
R. T. Lewis.

On motion both reports were received, and were discussed by Lee J. Jones, N. S. Hampton, C. M. Murchison. Prayer was offered in behalf of the 75-million-dollars campaign, led by C. M. Murchison. Discussion continued by E. M. Johnson.

On motion reports were adopted as read.

Adjourned for 1 hour. Benediction by N. S. Hampton.

EVENING SESSION,—Second Day.

Association met and was opened by singing: "Oh happy day."

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Education was read by W. A. Braswell. Report received. Discussed by W. A. Braswell. On motion report adopted.

EDUCATION

"Education develops the human soul and refines manners."

We rejoice in the great progress that our State has made in education in the last few years. Illiteracy is decreasing wonderfully in our State, and Avery county has made great progress within the last five years, We are glad to see our people working for better education. We urge upon the Baptists of Avery association to rally to the support of our public schools, and use their influence in securing Christian men and women as teachers to train the minds of our young boys and girls. It behooves us as Baptists to see that our young men and women are properly trained that they may measure up to the responsibilities that will be thrust upon them. No education is complete without proper Christian training. Therefore, we say to those seeking a higher education, the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, Meredith and Wake Forest colleges. W. A. Braswell.
Ervin Green.

Report on Orphanage was read by E. M. Johnson. Report was received, and discussed by E. M. Johnson, N. S. Hampton, J. A. Weatherman and S. C. Braswell, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage rests heavily on the hearts of our people. More than 525 boys and girls are growing into honorable manhood and womanhood under its benign influence.

Each year we feel more keenly our obligation to the children who cry to us for help and friendship. The enormous prices of every household necessity makes it necessary to increase the current fund to keep this beloved institution out of the bondage and peril of debt.

Hundreds of homeless children utterly helpless and dependent clamor at the doors. The Lord has poured material things upon us. We are well able to heed the cry of these children, and we must heed it or suffer ourselves.

To give relief to this army of needy children we must largely increase the current fund. What comes into the treasury barely covers the cost of supporting those already there.

We have many children here that might be cared for by their mothers if a little help were given them in their home communities, thereby holding such families intact, and making room in the Orphanage for those who have neither father or mother, but are wholly dependent upon the institution for care and training.

Your committee would recommend:

1. The plan of setting apart ONE DAY FOR the ORPHANAGE at or near Thanksgiving by every one in the association.

2. A monthly contribution from every S. S. in this association.

3. A club of Charity & Children in the well organized Sunday S. and individual copies to as many others as possible.

E. M. Johnson, V. W. Green.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by E. M. Johnson and received, and spoken to by him, L. J. Jones and N. S. Hampton. Adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We your committee submit the following:

On investigation of our churches reported this year, we find that some of our churches have increased their pastors' support which is very wise, but we find so many of our churches that are paying such small sums that as a result has and is discouraging and is driving many of our good and efficient pastors to other fields of labor other than preaching the gospel. Why should we not untie our preachers' hands and let them go and preach, by a greater increase of our support?

We further advise that our churches make a personal canvas of all members and get them enlisted in the above noble cause.

J. M. Whitaker, J. A. Sparks.

Report on Time and Place was read and adopted.

TIME and PLACE

Your committee on Time and Place recommend that our next session be held with Minneapolis Baptist church to begin on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1920, and that S. M. Pitman preach the Introductory sermon, and L. W. Hall be his alternate.

Yours respectfully,

W. W. Pyatte, J. A. Weatherman, Com.

Preaching was announced that Rev. E. M. Johnson to preach at night.

On motion, meeting adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday.

Dismissed by Lee J. Jones.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION

Association met according to adjournment, and opened by singing "There shall be showers of blessings." D. A. Green read first Psalm commenting there from. Prayer by L. W. Hall.

The association then took up regular business.

Report on Sunday-schools was read by P. L. Johnson.

Report was received and discussed by him, N. S. Hampton, Lee J. Jones, E. M. Johnson, A. J. Crisp, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday-schools beg to submit as follows:

As we find from the report of the Sunday-school Convention of 1919, that the Sunday-schools on an average are not doing work as they should, although some are very progressive. Why not all be progressive? We believe that there can be many led to Christ through our Sunday-schools if we have trained teachers to instruct them, and we recommend the Normal course in every Baptist Sunday-school in this association in order that there may be better equipped teachers. We are beginning to climb and see the need of better equipment.

We earnestly urge that each Sunday-school have class rooms separate, and grade there Sunday-schools, and use the graded literature where you have teachers trained to do Sunday-school work, and have teachers' meetings. We recommend Sunday-school picnics and discussion on various topics. We prayerfully request every S. S. in the county to unite for the cause of temperance and stand shoulder to shoulder with all our might.

Respectfully submitted.

P. L. Johnson, }
H. S. Burleson, } Com.

Report on Temperance was read by Lee J. Jones.

TEMPERANCE

More than a hundred years ago the church of God saw that if it filled its mission in this state it must stand for temperance. There has been a great victory for the temperance forces. We had splendid laws made for the war times, yet there are over 66,000 people who die every year in the United States from strong drink.

We the Baptists of North Carolina should stand by our good officers and work to get rid of the bad ones. Our churches should look after the dram drinkers who say they are not wrong, yet leading others to hell. We can no longer tolerate dram drinking in our churches. The question of temperance should not stop with strong drink alone. All indulgences that lead to sin. Temperate in all things. Dopes have become a deadly foe to our people. We as Baptist people should put up a mighty fight against any and every misleading sin. Touch not, taste not, handle not, puts every man on safe ground

Respectfully submitted. Lee J. Jones, Monroe Dugger, } Com

Report on Woman's Work was read by Miss Cordie Franklin.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

We your committee ask to report the following.

We find from the church letters that there are over eleven hundred female members of the different churches of the avery County Association, and that only one church has a W. M. U. with a membership of 39; leaving us with over one thousand women who are not engaged in this great work.

We earnestly insist that the pastors impress upon the hearts of the women of Avery Co. association the importance of organizing the W. M. U. for it is one of the greatest ways that the women can help to advance God's Kingdom.

Some extracts from W. M. U. reports of N. C.:

It has been 13 years since the W. M. U. presented to the State Convention its first report. Year by year our interest in mission work has increased and has shown itself by greater activities and larger gifts, so that the interest of the thousand dollars given in 1886 we expect this year a total of $63,101.76.

We have 1,557 societies, 183 having been added to our roll the past year. Our work is organized in fifty associations. Forty-seven associational meetings were held during the year, at which nearly 800 societies were represented.

The W. M. U. contributed to Foreigh Missions $21,426.37, to Home Missions $19,901.37, to State Missions 20,612.97; making a

total of $63,612.97.

There are 145,000 women in our churches: 25,000 of these are already at work in our societies. If the 25,000 women contributed $63,000 a year to mission objects, what may we not expect when we reach, by the aid of our pastors, our unenlisted women?

Miss Bertha Carroll, Raleigh, N. C. is our Corresponding Secretary of this work.

Mrs. Madge Johnson, }
Miss Cordie Franklin, } Com.

On motion each report was received. Discussed by Lee J. Jones and Ben. Aldridge. Each report was adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read by N. S. Hampton for the com.

REPORT on OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries wish to state that 33 of our brethren and sisters have passed from this life to enjoy the blessings of Heaven. This reminds us that the Master has called some of the best from us, which should remind us that death is certain

Be ready, for it is once appointed unto man to die after this the judgment.

We wish to recommend the printing in our minutes, the obituaries of Nola Puckett, Mary L. Gwyn, McDonal Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Norman, W. W. Gardner.

Report was received and adopted.

Obituaries appear in another place.

Report on Resolutions was read by D. Buchanan and was spoken to by S. C. Braswell and D. Buchanan.

RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend that the following brethren be appointed as an Executive Committee of Avery Co. association:

J. L. Pyatte, Ch., S. M. Pitman, J. G. Buchanan, W. W. Braswell J. A. Weatherman.

And sisters to organize the Women's Work in our association, Miss Cordie Franklin, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Eliza Clark.

We recommend to this association, that this Executive Committee take the work of building a Baptist church at Newland, N. C., and empower said committee to colect all funds due Newland Baptist church, collect money and lay out plans for a church building and direct the building of the same.

N. S. Hampton, J. L. Pyatte, S. C. Braswell, Com.

REPORT on RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions, recommend that each church elect the officers and teachers for its Sunday-school, and request them to attend the next session of the Sunday-school Convention.

We recommend that the minutes of the Sunday-school Convention be printed in the associational minutes, and the minute fund collected by the S. S. Convention, be used to pay the expenses of printing same.

Resolved that the thanks of this association are due and are tendered to this community and church for their hospitality in entertaining this association so wonderfully.

J. L. Pyatte, S. C. Braswell, Com.

RESOLUTION

We your Committee on Resolution feels that this association should appoint a good strong man to do missionary and enlistment work in the bounds of this county and destitute places: Therefore we recommend that Rev. N. S. Hampton of Blowing Rock, N. C., be appointed to do this work and confer with the State Board, also this is to do field work under the direction of State Board.

D. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, S. C. Braswell, Com.

Collection was taken to help defray expenses of printing minutes which amouted to $4.00.

Report on resolutions were all adopted.

On motion that the Clerk be Treasurer of this association and it was adopted.

Bro. E. M. Johnson read history of the Baptist denomination and on motion it was carried that this history be printed in our minutes, and was adopted. E. M. Johnson payed $1.00, and N. W. Johnson 25 cts. to help pay printing.

BAPTIST HISTORY

Rev. John Harvard, a Baptist, founded Harvard College, the first great institution of learning in the Western World.

Dr. John Clark, a Baptist minister, started the public school system of the nation in Rhode Island in 1645.

The first institution for women, the Vassar College, was started by the financial aid of Matthew Vassar, a Baptist.

John Clifford, the lion-hearted, has led the fight against the sectarian tyranny in the public schools of England—a Baptist.

The Baptists of America have the largest theological seminary in the world, and the number of Baptist students preparing for the ministry is greater than in any other denomination.

William Fox, a Baptist deacon, was the first to put the Bible in the Sunday-school rnd have it taught by unpaid teachers in 1791.

H. A. Howland, a Baptist, organized and taught the first infant class in 1830.

Dr. Jacob, a Baptist, was the first leader in the International Sunday-school lessons, while Dr. John A. Broadus was the master mind

in shaping the lessons.

"Humble" Betsy Baker, a Baptist in the state of Massachusetts, started the first Sunday-school library.

John Bunyan and John Milton stand at the head in religious authorship—Milton as the author of Paradise Lost and Regained, and Bunyan as the author of Pilgrim's Progress (in the jail at Bedford, where for twelve years he prayed and preached and wrote.) The warrant by which he was arrested and signed by thirteen magistrates, sold for $1525 at public auction. He was a Baptist.

The Bible was first translated into the tongue of three-fourths of Pagan people by Wm. Carey, while in India, Judson in Burmah, and Goble in Japan—Baptists.

The first publication society in London was organized by Joseph Hughes, a Baptist.

The Baptists were the first to put the Gospel on wheels, constructing a chapel car and starting a colportage wagon.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, of Thee I Sing", was written by F. M. Smith, a Baptist.

John Gano, a Baptist minister says: "George Washington said to me, 'I am convinced that immersion is the baptism taught in the Bible and and I demand baptism at your hands.' So in the presence of 42 witnesses, I led him down into the water and buried him with Christ in baptism."

On motion that the Finance committee report to Treasurer, and report be printed as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT on FINANCE.

I received from Finance committee 1918, $152.04, and disbursed it as follows:

Orphanage	$ 44.50
State Missions	21.55
Home Missions	29.55
Foreign Missions	22.11
Paid for Printing Minutes	22.00
Clerk's Fees allowed	7.00
Ministerial Relief	6.00
Postage	1.15
Total Expense - -	$153.86
Amount Received	$152.04
Paid over what was received	1.82
From Amount left over 1917	1.44
Due Clerk - - -	.38

Respectfully submitted. D. Buchanan, Clerk.

FINANCE

We your committee on Finance report as follows:

We have received the following funds from the delegates of the different churches:

Minute Fund	$ 24.00	
Home Missions	11.50	
Foreign Missions	5.00	
State Missions	84.62	
Ministerial Relief	4.75	
Orphanage	21.79	
Education	3.00	
Total, - - - - - -		$154.66.

We recommend that the clerk have $7. for his services, and that he have 500 minutes printed to distribute to the churches, and if there is not funds enough, that he shall call on the churches for funds to defray all expense. Respectfully submitted.

J. G. Buchanan, B. A. Ollis.

Roster of Delegates was called and absentees marked.

Roll of Delegates that were in Attendance.

Aaron—L. W. Sudderth, W. W. Braswell, J. A. Braswell.
Beech Mountain—T F Cook.
Big Meadows—J A Dyson, J N Stamy, Z D Pyatt, Thomas Ollis, and Robt. Mace.
Crossnore—P L Johnson, W W Benfield, J G Buchanan, Jim Clark Ben Aldridge, and Enoch Cornett.
Chestnutdale—John Hall, Eliza Holtsclaw.
Cranberry—No delegate.
Elk Valley—A E Norman.
Flat Springs—W C Green, Monroe Dugger, and Irvin Green.
Green Valley—J A Weatherman, J P Grindstaff.
Henson Creek—J F Buchanan.
Jonas Ridge—L C Shell, J D Clark, S D Franklin, sisters Betsie Percy, and Bernice Rose.
Mt. Pleasant—H S Burleson, M L Johnson.
Minneapolis—W W Pyatte, V W Green, and R T Lewis.
Oak Grove—A J Taylor, T Jones, D W Vance, and Mack Johnson.
Pleasant Valley—W L Cook.
Pleasant Hill—S M Pitman, and B A Ollis.
Powdermill—A L Miller.
Roaring Creek—W M Gardner.
Yellow Mt.—D Buchanan, W H Aldridge, and Mrs. Ed Patrick.

The congregation all joined in singing God Be With You Till We Meet Again, and a hearty parting hand was extended to each other, after which Lee J. Jones dismissed the association by prayer.

REV. D. A. GREEN, Moderator,
D. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

OBITUARY

Brother McDonal Franklin was born near Crossnore, N. C., and died Oct. 4, 1918, age 21 years.

McDonal realized his lost condition in early life and committed his soul to his Redeemer and was born of God and committed himself under the ordinances of the church and lived a consistent life till death. He was of excellent talent and a student in Berea College, and mastered his studies well, as an orator he was Crossnore's best. His noble talent and everyday smiles were much cherished by all who knew him.

His manner showed an expression of peace and joy in his soul.

He volunteered into the U. S. Navy about Sept. 1, 1918, and died at Hampton Roads, Va., of influenza and pneumonia.

As the sad intelligence fell upon a host of friends, many with sorrowing hearts uttered: The best and noblest is gone to be with the blessed." Weep not, father, mother, brother, sister, friends.

McDonal showed by his life that he ever walked with God.

Dearest one thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.— By N. S. Hampton.

OBITUARY

Sister Nora Puckett was born in Watauga Co , N. C. Jan. 7, 1884, died Jan. 15, 1919, aged 35 years and 8 days.

Sister Puckett professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Elk Valley at the age of 13 years and lived a model life.

She married E. Puckett at the age of 15 years and was a devoted wife. She was the mother of 6 children—5 boys and one girl. She is missed in the home, church and community, and by a host of friends, but let us bow to the will of Him that doeth all things well.

Dear husband and children, weep not, but strive to comfort your hearts with the thought that mother is over in the glory land.

A. E. Norman, W. W. Gardner.

OBITUARY

Sister Mary L. Gwyn was born in Patrick county, Va., February 8, 1867 and died January 12, 1919, age 52 years, 11 months, 4 days.

Sister Gwyn professed a hope in Christ and united with Elk Valley Baptist church in early life and lived a model Christian life.

She was married to J. H. Gwyn Dec. 12, 1883 and was a devoted wife until death claimed her husband about 4 years before she died, and she remained his widow till death.

She was the mother of 4 children, one of whom died in childhood and one died three days after she died, and two are yet living.

Sister Gwyn was a favorite in the community—always looking on the bright side of things, always cheerful and gay.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

TABLE I.--STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Sunday of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Aaron	N.S. Hampton	Blowing Rock	W. W. Braswell,	Montezuma	2	$ 400	9	3	3	..	..	..	19	34	53
Beech Mtn	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	W C Church	Dark Ridge	1	500				1	5	2	90	99	189
Big Meadows	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	1	600							55	69	124
Chestnutdale	L W Hall	Hughs	John Franklin	Hughs	4		5	2	1		3		10	26	36
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	JohnsonCityTenn	R N Cardwell	Cranberry	1		3	2		5		1	29	47	76
Crossnore	Lee J Jones	Marion	P L Johnson	Crossnore	4	2000	6	2		2	1	1	57	87	144
Elk Valley	D A Green	Dark Ridge	J A Norman	Heaton	2	500				6	1	5	39	48	87
Flat Springs	D A Green	" "	J W Green	Dark Ridge	4	700		1	2		1	2	53	54	107
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	F J Hall	Spruce Pine	1	500	2		4	2		1	27	60	87
Henson Creek	J Y Sparks	Wing	J F Buchanan	Spear	3	500			2	7			17	28	45
Jonas Ridge	C C Cook	Bakersville	J D Clark	Jonas Ridge	3	250	1		1	2		2	43	65	108
Mt. Pleasant	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	H S Burleson	Hughs	1	500	1	4	4				17	62	79
Minneapolis	D A Green	Dark Ridge	J Grindstaff	Minneapolis	3	1500	9	5	1	8	2	1	24	55	79
Oak Grove	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	T Jones	Newland	2		2	1	1	1		1	21	26	47
PleasantValley	John Keller	Beech Creek	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	4	250	13	5	4		11	9	77	94	171
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	JohnsonCity Tenn	Luther Ollis	Frank	1	1800	9			4	1	2	94	111	205
Powdermill	D A Green	Dark Ridge	Tom Green	Senia	1	500				5	2	1	18	29	47
Roaring Creek.	D A Green	" "	J G Hughs	Valley	1		4		1	3	1	2	55	85	140
Yellow Mtn	L W Hall	Hughs	Vester Stafford	Spear	2	800	7			1	49	1	34	38	70

Table II.—
FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Aaron	40.00	400.00	.....	22.18	.....	1.00	5.06	5.06	5.06	2.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Mtn	46.51		2.55	5.08		1.25	5.44		5 44		5.44			11 37	
Big Meadows	85.00			10.50		1.75		14.60			4 79				
Chestnutdale	26.00	15.00		5.26		.90								7 50	
Cranberry	120.00				5.00	1.25	2.00	2.00			6 00	2 50	.75	74.50	211.50
Crossnore	150.00		115.00	35.00		1.55		11.50				60 00		24 00	
Elk Valley	76.01			9.00	52.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		4 50			1 00	146.52
Flat Springs	45.00			13.67		1.25	2.00	2.00	2.00		4 00		2.00	—	71.92
Green Valley	80.15		46.74	8.16		1.50	6.00	3.00	3 00		24 85				173 40
Henson Creek	50.00			8.00		.75								1 40	60 15
Jonas Ridge	124.00			10.19		1.00	3.25	3.00	3 00			5 13	5 90	30 00	185 47
Mt. Pleasant	55.00	53.00		10.00	1.10	1.50	1.60	3.50	2 00		11 45				139 15
Minneapolis	80.47	22.79		28.73	9.30	2.30	1.15	12.00	12 00		11 25	3 00	2 00	20 00	201 94
Oak Grove	47.00			3.54		1.00					5 00				
PleasantValley	26.73			8.03	50.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	5.27	3 80			30 40	128 23
Pleasant Hill	98.40	40.00	5.79	55.45	100.00	1.25	6.60	5.00	5 00		7 00	5.00			399 49
Powdermill	40.79			12.79	87.50	1.00	1.75	2.00	1 00		2 00				146.82
Roaring Creek	50.00					1.50								14.00	
Yellow Mtn	147.46	65.60		17.60		1.35					21.74			7 25	263 44

TABLE III.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aaron	L. W. Sudderth	Montezuma	Edna Pritchard	Montezuma	1	8	65	165	.....	12	3	22.18	4.90	.....	.....	27.08
Beech Mtn	Dave Trivett	Dark Ridge	Lloyd Church	Dark Ridge	1	6	59					5.08	6.44	3.22		14.74
Big Meadows	S M Carpenter	Pyatte	N M Pyatte	Pyatte	1	5	120	125		12		10.50			.75	11.25
Chestnutdale	John Franklin	Hughs	Hettie Franklin	Hughs	1	7	50	57		6	1	5.26				5.26
Cranberry	Blank— union Sunday School.															
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Enoch Cornett	Crossnore	1	10	100	150	70	12	6	35.00	24.00		10.00	39.00
Elk Valley	H M Homey	Banners Elk	J A Norman	Heaton	1	6	50	60								
Flat Springs	W C Green	Whaley	D L Green	Whaley	1	6	60	67	40	12		13.67				13.67
Green Valley	F J Hall	Spruce Pine	Mrs F J Hall	Spruce Pine	1	6	50	56	25	9	2	8.16				8.16
Henson Creek	J F Buchanan	Spear	Albert Woody	Spear	1	6	55	75	40	12		8.00			1.40	9.40
Jonas Ridge	J D Clark	Jonas Ridge	Lloyd Barrier	Jonas Ridge	1	8	75	84	40	12		10.12				10.12
Mt. Pleasant	W R Buchanan	Spear	Lockie Thompson	Hughs	1	6		60		6		10.00		1.69		11.69
Minneapolis	N J Tolly	Minneapolis	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	7	60	81	50	12	9	28.73	25.00	11.25	9.30	75.28
Oak Grove	T Jones	Newland	Mae Jones	Newland	1	7	55	75	20	5		3.34		5.00		8.34
Pleasant Valley	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	Jane Keller	Elk Park	1	6	82	88	50	9		8.03			5.27	13.30
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Myrtle Cooper	Frank	1	10	92	110	80	12		55.45		7.00		62.45
Powdermill	Robt Buchanan	Senia	Geo. Buchanan	Senia	1	4	49	53	30	12		8.00	3.25	1.20		12.45
Roaring Creek	J G Hughs	Valley	Dora Green	Valley	1	8				12	2	8.00		2.43	4.00	14.43
Yellow Mtn	Vester Stafford	Spear			1	7	40	65	30	12	1	9.81		21 74	7.25	38.80

MINUTES

— OF THE —

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1919.

Frank, N. C., Aug. 15, 1919.

Avery County Baptist S. S. Convention metwith Pleasant Hill church and Sunday School. Opened by singing. Prayer by W. A. Braswell, and introductory sermon by him. Text: Ps. 119: 105 vs. Theme: The Word, after which letters were called for from S. S. and the following were handed in: Oak Grove, Crossnore, Minneapolis, Yellow Mtn., Roaring Creek, Big Meadows, Pleasant Hill, Montezuma, Green Valley, and Mt. Pleasant, after which the Convention was organized by electing J. L. Pyatte President, and D. Buchanan Secretary.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Program—W. W. Pyatte, N. A. Buchanan, John Hicks, P. L. Johnson, and S. C. Braswell.

Finance—S M Pitman, T Jones, Vester Stafford.

Resolutions—W A Braswell, P L Johnson, W W Pyatte, Wallace Buchanan.

Time and Place—John Hicks, B A Ollis, W W Pyatte.

Letters were then read, by the secretary, from the different S. S. which were very encouraging.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn till 1 o'clock.

Adjourned by W. A. Braswell.

EVENING SESSION—First Day.

Convention opened by singing led by Ed Buchanan.

Prayer led by P. L. Johnson.

President called convention to order and read committe's report on Program, and it was adopted.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

For Discussion.

1 Progress of the Sunday Schools in the past year.

2 How can we promote Christian Education in our S. Schools?

3 Should we use the Bible in place of our Quarterlies in S. S.?

4 Should we have a Teacher Training class?

5 Who should teach in our Sunday-schools? Who should attend?

6 What are some of the best methods of getting interest in the Sunday-school?

6 How often should we elect officers?

8 Encouraging Sunday-schools to do more for the Orphanage.

W. W. Pyatte, N. A. Buchanan, John Hicks, P. L. Johnson, and Stokes Braswell, Committee.

First question on program was taken up and spoken to by N. A. Buchanan, T. Jones, P. L. Johnson, Vester Stafford, S. A. Hughs, W. W. Pyatte, President and Stokes Braswell.

Second Question opened by Rev. S. M. Pitman, Stokes Braswell, S. A. Hughs.

Third Question spoken to by J. L. Pyatte, S. C. Braswell, P. L. Johnson, S. A. Hughs.

Fourth Question spoken to by P. L. Johnson, S. M. Pitman.

Fifth Question opened by P. L Johnson, J. L. Pyatte, S. C. Braswell, S. M. Pitman, T. Jones, D. Buchanan.

On motion Convention adjourned till Saturday 9:30 o'clock by singing. Benediction by T. Jones.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, Aug. 16.

Convention was opened by singing "Amazing Grace.," conducted by T. Jones. Morning's lesson, 34th Psalm. Prayer by him. Singing.

Prayer by S. M. Pitman.

Convention was called to order by J. L. Pyatte, President, and preceeding day's session was read and adopted, and discussion of Program was continued by Coleman C. Johnson, on who should attend S. S.? and was ably discussed by him, P. L. Johnson, J. L. Pyatte, E. L. Ollis, and S. A. Hughs.

Singing by choir, " Will you come?"

Next Question, No. 6 was opened by P. L. Johnson, Wallace R. Buchanan, S. A. Hughs, S. M. Pitman, N. A. Buchanan.

On motion and second that the choir appoint a committee to draw up a Resolution and plans to present to this Convention to get our Sunday-schools on better plans, and committee was to be composed of the S. S. Superintendents Asts. and preachers.

It was moved and seconded that every S. S. Supt. and assistant be regular attendants to this Convention or file their excuse with the Secy

Eighth Question was opened by J. D. Braswell, N. A. Buchanan, Stokes Braswell.

The time having arrived, and Rev. E. L. Middleton being on time, the Convention was then turned over to him for the Institute work, outlined by him before hand.

Institute was dismissed for 1 hour by singing.

Benediction by S. A. Hughs.

EVENING SESSION, Aug. 16.

Opened by singing, and devotional service conducted by E. L. Middleton, reading and commenting from 2nd Timothy, 2:15.

Prayer by P. L. Johnson.

Report on Resolutions was read by E. L Middleton and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

In this great day we cannot afford to let our Sunday-schools fall behind other things. The day of greater things is at hand We recommend the following for our work next year:

1. A definite campaign for a greatly enlarged membership. Every one of our schools ought to be larger than the church membership. A religious census, with the follow-up canvass is the best way to do this.

2. To be efficient we must have an adequate organization. This requires enough officers and these trained for their tasks. The pupils ought to be properly classified or graded and every school ought to be properly equipped.

3. The teachers to do their best work need special training as well as consecration. Free tracts are available for them. They can secured from Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. The best training is through the Normal course. Any church can have a class in this work and secure the Normal Diploma from our Sunday-school Board.

The committee,
E. L. Middleton.

Report on Time and place was read and adopted.

TIME and PLACE.

We your Com. on Time and Place, agree unanimously that the next session of this Convention shall convene with Yellow Mtn. Baptist Sunday-school, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in August 1920, and Bro. L. W. Hall shall preach the introductory sermon, S. M. Pitman alternate.

John H. Hicks, W. W. Pyatte, Boss Ollis, Com.

Report on Finance was read and adopted.

FINANCE

We your committee on finance beg leave to report the following Minute funds paid in:

Roaring Creek	$1.15,	Crossnore,	$1.00	Minneapolis	$1.50
Pleasant Hill,	1.50,	Big Meadows	.75	Oak Grove,	.50
Yellow Mtn.	1.00,	Green Valley	.50 — Total,	-	$7.51

S. M. Pitman, B. A. Ollis, W. W. Pyatte.

It was moved and seconded that funds be merged with the association, and that minutes be printed in with theirs.

On motion that names of Delegates in actual attendance with this Convention be enrolled in the minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions want to thank the good people

of Pleasant Hill church and Sunday-school for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this Convention, and hereby tender our sincere thanks for being so well entertained.

P. L. Johnson, W. W. Pyatte, Wallace R. Buchanan.

Resolved, That this Convention, every church and all of its members rally against Intemperance, as it is destroying the very vitals of all Christian, social and moral life, and be for God and Christ, or be for Satan. The time has come at last that every Christian is confronted with so many evils of the land, that they must rise up against them if we do not want to go down in defeat.

Prayerfully submitted,

W. A. Braswell, P. L. Johnson, Com.

On motion, the Convention work being completed and adjourned, and work was turned over to E. L. Middleton on Institute work.

J. L. Pyatte, President.

D. Buchanan, Secretary.

Names of Delegates.

Montezuma—Jona Braswell, Annie Ledford.
Green Valley—
Minneapolis—W W Pyatte, A J Buchanan, S E Buchanan.
Pleasant Hill—N A Buchanan, Myrtle Cooper, S M Pitman, Ben Buchanan.
Oak Grove—T Jones.
Roaring Creek—S A Hughs.
Yellow Mt.—Vester Stafford.
Big Meadows—J L Pyatte.
Crossnore—P L Johnson, Elsie Clark, Cordie Franklin.
Chestnutdale—John Franklin.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Beech Mountain Baptist Church

AUGUST 25, 26, 27,

1921

IN THE 10th ANNUAL SESSION

The next session will convene with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church two miles south of Minneapolis, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1922

L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon

R. T. LEWIS - - - - Moderator
D. BUCHANAN - - - - Clerk

Will H. McGuire. Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES
Avery County Baptist Association, 1921

Beech Mountain Baptist Church,
Thursday Morning, August 25, 1921.

The association met at the regular hour, 11 o'clock.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. L. W. Hall. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. N. S. Hampton, text: St. John 4:35. Theme, Lift up your eyes, look upon the fields and then act. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hall after which the association took recess till 1:30 afternoon.

EVENING SESSION, first day

The association met according to appointment, singing "Oh How I Love Jesus."

Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. Clay Wilson Prayer by Thomas Farthing. Lesson 12th Chapt. 1st Cor. Prayer by W. Clay Wilson. Singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Rev. S. M. Pitman, the Moderator, called the association to order for business and letters were called for from the different churches. Breth. R. T. Lewis and L. W. Hall were appointed as reading clerks and the following letters were read:

1 Cranberry, 2 Flat Springs, 3 Aaron, 4 Henson Creek, 5 Elk Park 6 Elk Valley, 7 Pleasant Hill, 8 Minneapolis, 9 Pleasant Valley, 10 Crossnore, 11 Mt. Pleasant, 12 Green Valley, 13 Oak Grove, 14 Yellow Mtn., 15 Roaring Creek, 16 Beech Mtn., 17 Chestnutdale, 18 Jonas Ridge, 19 Powdermill, 20 Big Meadows.

Corresponding Breth. were invited to make themselves known and L. C. Wilson, R. L. Palmer, E. M. Greer from Three Forks association, Rev. J. E. Hoyle from Caldwell association, W. Clay Wilson from McGlee County association, Missouri.

The present term of officers being expired the moderator entertained a motion and recommended that a lay member be elected as Mod.

On motion and second that R. T Lewis be elected as Moderator and he was unanimously elected.

Motion carried that D. Buchanan retain his place as Clerk and Treas. of the Association.

Bro S. M. Pitman asked the new Moderator to take charge, after which he appointed the Committees, as follows:

Women's Work—Sarah Pyatte, Lotta Pitman, S C Braswell.

Pastoral Support—N A Buchanan, G W McGuire, L L Ollis.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—L W Hall, L C Wilson and J E Hoyle.

Education—Chas. Younce, S M Pitman, Thomas Farthing.

Temperance—W Clay Wilson, W W Pyatte, S C Braswell.

Periodicals—J E Hoyle, R L Palmer, N S Hampton.
Obituaries—T F Cook, Jr., W M Green, Monroe Gragg.
Time & Place—J G Buchanan, N A Buchanan, A E Norman.
Sunday School—W Clay Wilson, E O Pyatte, T F Cook.
State of Churches—N S Hampton.
Finance—J G Buchanan, W M Green.
Rssolutions—A L Miller, W Clay Wilson.
Preaching—A L Miller & delegates of Beech Mt. Church.
Orphanage—R L Palmer, W C Wilson, Moses Thomas.

Report of the Associational Executive Com. was called for and read by J G Buchanan.

REPORT of EXECUTIVE COM.

We have had five regular meetings of the Committee and in the meantime succeeded in having the church at Newland reorganized. The church house at Newland has not been built yet, but however there are good prospects that the house will be built

We have tried to look after the Baptist cause in this county and press forward the promotion of the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

As we see conditions in Avery County, our Baptist cause has suffered for the lack of funds

Our Missionary has worked up an interest in the county for better church buildings and better equipment for the S. S. work. We insist that we aid and encourage this work at Newland, and that we give the church work at Elk Park careful attention. Our Missionary has succeeded in getting a good work and a good church building started and we certainly should not fail to help them.

We feel almost ashamed to ask our Missionary, brother Hampton, to go on with the work, knowing that he has been faithful to his trust and has been over worked all the year, then besides we have failed on part of his salary. Yet we are assured that if we leave him off of the Missionary field and enlistment work that our Baptist cause will suffer much loss, therefore we recommend that he be reappointed missionary aud enlistment worker for the next year.

J. G. Buchanan,
W. W. Benfield, } Com.
J. L. Pyatte,

On motion report was received and discussed by L. C. Wilson, N. S. Hamption and S. M. Pitman.

On motion discussion was closed until 10 o'clock tomorrow for its final adoption.

Report of the Associational Missionary was read by the Mission-

ary, N. S. Hampton, received and discussed by him and S. W. Braswell.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT

Dear Brethren:- I humbly submit the following:

Churches Supplied,		7 to 11
Sermons,		370
Mission Meetings,		10
Business Meetings, about		100
Conversions, "		100
Baptisms,		40
Raised for Church house building & repairs,	$3,500	
Subscribed,	800	
Other Objects,	400	

Distributed more than 3,000 pieces of free literature.

I find a growing interest for better church buildings in the county and it should be encouraged.

The church at Newland was reorganized March the 7 1921, and a pastor being elected for same.

The Baptists at Elk Park have a nice church house started, and are in much need of help.

Amount received from Church and people since the last Association, $651.31.

Yours in Christ for success,

N. S. Hampton.

Sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Report on Preaching was called for and adopted as it was read.

Delegates were then assigned homes.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9 o'clock next day. Singing. Dismissed by prayer led by J. E. Hoyle.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

The Association met promptly at 9 o'clock. Opened by singing When The Roll is Called.

Devotional services were conducted by L. W. Hall, lesson being read from Luke 5: 20—39 verses, which was discussed briefly.

Prayer led by sister Lotta Pitman.

Sang Oh Land of Rest.

Prayer by L. W. Hall, song Are You Washed in The Blood.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and minutes of the preceeding day's session were read by the Clerk, and were adopted.

On motion by L. W. Hall that the Moderator appoint a committee on Nominations. The following were appointed: J. E. Hoyle, L. W. Hall and L. W. Woody.

Report on Temperance was read by Clay Wilson, and on motion report was received, and discussed by him and S. C. Braswell.

On motion the report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We realize that one of the greatest battles that the Baptists have to fight is the intemperance of our country. Not only the whiskey business but the tobacco habit as well, especially the cigaretts

We have been blessed in this country with good Christian officers, a Christian representative and citizens who have done all in their power to stamp out the whiskey business. We believe that this Association should take a standing vote to express their appreciation and full purpose to co-operate with these men in not only stamping out, but keeping out of this country, the whiskey business

Let us never think for one moment that the battle is over, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

We believe in begining at home to fight the whiskey business. If every church member would let it alone and stand against it we would not be bothered with the rotten business

Therefore, we recommend to all the churches that they see to it that their membership is free from such persons that will deal with the stuff in any way. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you."

W. Clay Wilson, Chm'n.
W. W. Pyatte,
S. C. Braswell,
} Com.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read by J. E. Hoyle. The report was received and adopted.

REPORT of COM. on NOMINATIONS

1. We nominate for the Executive Com:

R T Lewis, Chm'n., J G Buchanan, J M Gragg, S C Braswell and N A Buchanan.

2. We reconmend that in the election of an Associational Missionary the Executive Com. work in co-operation with the State Board of Missions.

J. E. Hoyle, Chm.
L. W. Woody,
G. W. Hall,
} Com

Report on Periodicals was read by J. E. Hoyle. On motion report was received. Spoken to by him, N. S. Hampton and W. C. Wilson.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT on PERIODICALS

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," is the exhortation given by Paul.

Our country is sown down to a thick cover of matter from the press. Throughout Avery County we know one day what the world did the day before. Much use is made of pictures in papers and magazines, as well as thru the movies, which is reading thru pictures while in action.

If we are to be transformed through the renewing of our minds, we shall need the inspiration not only to know what was written when holy men of old spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, but we need to know what men of spiritual minds today say as they are filled with zeal by the in-dwelling Spirit of God.

Our denomination is rich in such periodical literature.

The Baptist World and the Review and Expositor have the world for their field; while the Southern Baptist Convention sends out the Home and Foreign Fields, and for women, Royal Service.

Our Sunday School Board is rich in publications of many kinds, all helpful.

But to bring this subject closer to us we mention for our State, Charity and Children and the Biblical Recorder.

As we cannot be spiritually minded without the Bible, even so we cannot be well informed and vitally interested in the extension of God's kingdom unless we study through our periodicals what is being done. We commend the publications mentioned above

J. E. Hoyle, Chm., }
R. L. Palmer, } Com
N. S. Hampton, }

Report on Christian Education was read by J. E. Hoyle.

On motion report was received. Discussed by Thomas Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. G. Hall, J. E. Hoyle, and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is a life process. Much has been achieved in the learning of a child before it enters the school room. Our teachers are agents, whose duty it is to direct the unfolding process. The general motive of life will be determined by the direction the teacher gives to his pupil.

The greater amount of learning is now offered by the State, and will continue to be under State direction. This makes it the more important that we support Christian Education as offered thru our Denominational schools. The only one who is safe for himself or

others in the Educational process, is the one whose ideas and motives are influenced by the teachings of the Master, and our best opportunity in gaining such influence is found in our Baptist schools.

Parents can do much in this cause by holding up before the growing child, Christian Education as the greatest of all learning. We recommend our Baptist High schools, such as we find at Bakersville and Burnsville. Then there is Wake Forest College for men and Meredith College for women, both have great opportunities for parents and children.

Chas. Younce, Chm.
Thos Farthing,
S. M. Pitman, } Com.

Report on Missions was read by Bro. Hoyle and on motion was received.

Scripture lesson read by W. Clay Wilson 115 Psalm, 1 to 6.

Prayer by R. L. Palmer. Singing, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, and was ably discussed by Rev. J. Edwin Hoyle, after he read in the 17 chapter of John, 18 and 19th verses.

At request a collection was taken for Bro. D. A. Green who is on a bed of affliction. Singing. Collection amounts $6.00.

Dismissed for one hour. Prayer led by N. S. Hampton.

AFTERNOON SESSION— Second Day.

Association met at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by N. S. Hampton. Singing. Scripture lesson Ps. 15. Prayer led by Thomas Farthing.

Business of association was called for by Moderator.

Discussion was closed on Missions, and report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Our Lord and Master, the great head of the church, gave His marching orders when he said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", and this program of action was re-enforced on the day of his ascention when he said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

With the broader knowledge of the world's spiritual needs that we gained through the war, there came to us a more vital interest in fulfilling our Lord's commands for the spread of the gospel. The ship load of missionaries that crossed the Pacific last August for Asia and the East, was followed this year by the going of many more workers, this company crossing the Atlantic ocean for Europe and some other points.

Our home land is blessed with a great force of consecrated workers

who are striving to meet every condition of need in both town and country. Loving hands in the name of Jesus are stretched forth to induce Foreigners, Jew and Negro. There are schools for the ambitious, hospitals for the sick, seminaries for the Ministers, and for the sin sick soul weary the gospel is preached by the world's most efficient board of evangelists.

And lest there should be left undeveloped some place of need, the State Board of Missions takes a single state as its territory, and works with the associatinns, striving to carry the message of the cross to every one in the State.

Back of our missionary work in its different phases, and founded on the Word of God, stands our Seventy-five Million Campaign. The evangelistic test of ourChristianity demands not only a professed interest in this work, but an actual enlistment. Under the inspiration of the Campaign many new workers have been found and sent forth into the field. They have given their all in the service. Shall we do less than a noble part by them, with our love, our money and appreciation and our prayers?

L. W. Hall, Chm.,
J. Edwin Hoyle,
L. C. Wilson.

Report on Woman's Work was read by L. C. Wilson. Discussed by him, Lotta Pitman, S. C. Braswell and N. S. Hampton.

The report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

We your Committee submit the following:

The Societies at Pleasant Hill, with a small membership, Crossnore, Big Meadows and Montezuma are the only Societies in the Association this year. But we are glad to submit that they are a determined, consecrated band trying to do what they can that they may do their full share in the Kingdom. We feel that we should not fail to say that if this church has attained any thing worth while that much of it is due to the untiring efforts of this struggling band of women.

We regret that every church in this Association has not organized their women and given a place wich they rightfully own in the great work of the Master.

The world is calling for her in all of the departments of sacrifice and labor. She is finding her place in the economic and business world.

If the woman has a place anywhere that the Lord has called her, it is in the church that He has established by the righteousness of

His power. May we appeal to this Association that every member may go home and infuse a holy purpose in the minds and hearts of their women, that they may take their place in the great work of redeeming the lost world.

Respectfully submitted.

Lotta Pitman,
S. C. Braswell, } Com.

Report on Orphanage was read by W. C. Wilson. On motion the report was received and dicussed by W. C. Wilson and Thos. Farthing.

On motion report is adopted.

ORPHANAGE

We your committee on Orphanage beg leave to report as follows:

As it is a command of the Lord Jesus to visit the widow and orphans, we therefore should feel a deep interest in those who are without father or mother, or anything to help them in this life.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the greatest institutions in our state and we should look well to our duties in helping to support these 600 or more children. The way for us to feel interested in such worthy objects is to place ourselves in their condition and then ask the Lord what He would have us to do.

R. L. Palmer,
W. C. Wilson,
Moses Thomas.

Report on Time and Place was read by A. E. Norman. Adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We your Committe on Time and Place, respectfully submit the following:

The next session will convene at Pleasant Hill on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1922, Bro L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory sermon.

A. E. Norman, N. A. Buchanan, J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Bailiff.

Report on State of Churches was read by N. S. Hampton. The report was adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

15 churches last year, reported for pastoral support,		$1,122.85
19 churches this year, " " " "		1,935 57
16 churches report Sunday Schools.		
3 churches report W. M. U. organized.		
2 churches ,, B. Y. P. U. "		
11 churches last year, report gains by Baptism,	128	
16 " this " " " " "	115	
13 " last " gave to Missions,		$810.54

Respectfully, N. S. Hampton.

Report on Finance was read by J. G. Buchanan as follows, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Dear Brethren: We have received from the different churches as follows:

Minute Fund,	$29.03
75-Million Campaign, undesignated,	7.00
Orphanage,	2.62
Total, - - -	$38.65

Respectfully,

J. G. Buchanan,
W. M. Green.

Report of Clerk was read by him and adopted as follows:

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Brethren: I submit report as follows:

Amount received from Finance Com. last year,	$33.29
Collected from churches since the association,	6.05
Total received;	$39.34

Paid out for printing five hundred Minutes, -	$28.00
Postage, - - - - - - - - -	.90
Clerk's Fee allowed, - - - - - -	8.00
Due from 1919 Report, - - - - -	5.70
Total Expended, - - -	$42.60
" Received, - - -	39.34
Due Clerk, - - -	3.26

Which I donate to the Association to start with a clean sheet.

Respt. D. Buchanan.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. C. Wilson.

On motion report was received and discussed by W. C. Wilson and N. S. Hampton. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is not a separate institution, but a part of the church. We believe it to be one of the most important factors of the church. A large majority of our people who are saved are those who have attended Sunday school; the old as well as the young. On every Lord's day there should be a coming together that the soul might fed. "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow there by." The pastor and church that look well to their Sunday school, are looking well for their church, and should not have any cause to be ashamed.

What shall we study? We believe in giving more heed to the

study of the Scripture itself. Helps are good. Our Sunday school literature is good, but we should not stop with simply reading what our good writers have to say on the Scripture. We should "desire the sincere milk of the word."

We believe that only good Christian teachers and officers who have the Holy Spirit should occupy very responsible places in the service. We believe too, that much prayer should be made to God in behalf of the school, officers and teachers. The aim of all should be to turn the lost to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Wilson, Chm.
E. O. Pyatte,
T. F. Cook,
} Com.

On motion that the Executive Com. of the Association appoint a time and place for a Sunday school Convention to be held, and notify each Sunday school, also to prepare a program to be published in the county paper.

OBITUARIES

We the Committee on Obituaries submit the following:

The minutes of the various churches show the deaths of twelve in the last year.

Resolved, That we as a committee in behalf of the Avery County Association offer our sympathy to each bereft family, and pray the Master to fill the vacancy caused by death with another brother or sister, that the cause may be put forward. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted.

L. F. Cook,
J. M. Gragg,
W. M. Greene.

Report on Resolutions was read by W. C. Wilson and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions wish to present the following:

Resolved first: That we this association are deeply grateful to the good people of this community for the very fine, generous and hospitable way in which they have taken care of God's servants during the sitting of this association. We trust they will be more than repaid in spiritual betterment as a result of the sitting of this association

Resolved second: That we are well pleased with the service rendered by the Moderator and Clerk of the association. They have served us and the cause commendably. We feel it to be the duty of this association to ever remember in prayer these two brethren, as they shall lead out and manage the affairs of this body through the

coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. Miller, Chm.,
W. Clay Wilson.

Corresponding delegates were appointed as follows:

To Three Forks—W. C. Green.

To Roan Mountain—D. Buchanan, L. W. Hall.

On motion the State Board send a delegate to State Convention.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by G. W. McGuire. On motion the report was discussed and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The life and thrift of our churches depends largely upon the pastor's ability to cope with today's problems We are conscious of the begining of a fast age, new problems confront the pastor all along the line. If we wish a pastor worth while, the day is at our door when we must so contribute to his support, that he may be able to put on the whole Armor of God. Paul says, 1st Cor. 16: 2. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come."

We find that a majority of our churches are not paying their pastors as much as they could earn from other callings. And that about 80 per cent of our members fail to contribute to the pastor at all.

If we wish to avoid a panic in church prosperity we should begin to register in duties.

Respectfully, the committee,

N. A. Buchanan,
G. W. McGuire,
L. L. Ollis,

Committees for 1922

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator for the next association. They are all earnestly requested to have a report ready written for their associates to criticise at next session of asso.

Com on Woman's Work—Mrs. Lottie Pitman.

Pastoral Support—G. W. McGuire.

State, Home and Foreign Missions—L. W. Hall.

Education—J. D. Braswell.

Temperance—J. L. Pyatte.

Periodicals—N. S. Hampton.

Obituaries—Troy Jones.

Oophanage—James Weatherman.

Sunday Schools—S. C. Braswell.

State of Churches—W. W. Pyatte.
Time and Place—Vester Stafford.
Finance—W. M. Green.
Resolutions—S. M. Pitman.

Roster of Delegates

Was called and the following names were recorded who attended this session, and we regret that so many churches failed to send messengers. The names are as follows:

Pleasant Hill—L L Ollis, L W Woody, N A Buchanan and Lotta Pitman.
Cranberry—J C Mann, Cordelia Staten.
Flat Springs—Conley Phillips, W C Green, Monroe Dugger.
Chestnutdale—S C Braswell, Etta Braswell.
Jonas Ridge—Edie Barrier.
Beech Mtn.—T F Cook, Joe Palier, W C Church, L L Church.
Powdermill—A L Miller.
Minneapolis—R T Lewis, L W Hall, W W Pyatte.
Yellow Mountain—D Buchanan.
Pleasant Valley—William Hampton.
Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Mrs. Emma Eller, A. E. Norman.
Crossnore—J. G. Buchanan.
Big Meadows—Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Pyatte.

Seven churches had no representatives, but all sent letters.

On motion the Clerk ask the churches to send funds to pay any indebtedness that he may incur on Printing Minutes.

On motion that the Association adjourn its sitting by singing, "How Firm a Foundation."

Closing prayer by L. C. Wilson.

R. T. LEWIS, Moderator.

D. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

TABLE I.- STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Aaron	N.S. Hampton	Pineola, N.C.	Harlen Ledford	Montezuma	2	500	2	1	..	1	..	..	27	41	68
Big Meadows	J S Pyatte	Nebo	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	2	600	12			3		1	52	80	132
Beech Mtn	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	L L Church	Dark Ridge	1	1000	2	1		3	4		92	116	208
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	JohnsonCity Tenn	Flossie Julian	Cranberry	..	.....	24	5	1	1			34	44	78
Chestnutdale	L C Wilson	.....	S C Braswell	Minneapolis	2	40	7	17		1	9	1	20	24	44
Crossnore	N S Hampton	Pineola	Enoch Cornett	Pineola	1	2000		2		3	6		60	93	153
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	D T Bailiff	Heaton	2	800	2			2		1	37	52	89
Elk Park	N S Hampton	Pineola	Mrs B M Hamrick	Elk Park	4		2	1		3	2	3			30
Flat Springs	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	J W Green	Whaley	4	500	2	3	4	5	14		39	47	86
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Fritz Hall	Spruce Pine	4	800	4		1			1	25	67	92
Henson Creek	J Y Sparks	Ledger	L S Vance	Spear	3	500	1			3					41
Jonas Ridge	J S Pyatte	Nebo	L C Shell	Jonas Ridge	1	400							42	63	105
Minneapolis	L C Wilson	Vilas	R T Lewis	Minneapolis	2	1500	27	2	4		1	1	64	49	113
Mt. Pleasant	N S Hampton	Pineola	H S Burleson	Hughs	1	600	2	1	2			1	21	65	86
Oak Grove	N S Hampton	Pineola	T Jones	Newland	2	500				2			19	22	41
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	L A Ollis	Frank	1	1900	8	1		2	7		95	129	224
Pleas't Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Luther McGuire	Heaton	4	500	11	2	1	2		2	83	100	183
Powdermill	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	Tom Green	Senia	1	600					7	1	15	21	36
Roaring Creek	D A Green	"	J G Hughs	Valley	1	.....	4				1	2	46	78	124
Yellow Mt	L C Wilson	Vilas	Vester Stafford	Spear	4	1000	5	8	1	6		1			78

Table 2.—Financial

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75-Million (Undes.	State & A Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
Aaron	58.60			27.42		1.00		24.47								84.07
Big Meadows	194.50	170.00	3.00	12.10	20.00	.75										400 35
Beech Mountain	95.97		22.00	28.71		1.50		11.25				2,63				162 06
Cranberry	120.00					3.00	124.35									244.35
Chestnutdale	125.22		12 00	20.00		1 50	39 80	4 50				2,50				206.00
Crossnore	105 69		8 00	36 40		3 90	60 26	40,00		2.25		8,00				264.50
Elk Valley	62 75	228.30	2 00	5 00		2 05										298.10
Elk Park						25		71.75								72.00
Flat Springs	68 96			17 48		2 50		24 35	8.00	8,00	8.00	5.63	3,00	3,00		148.68
Green Valley	116 47		19.70	14 00		1 60	190 42	16 00				15 00				347 19
Henson Creek	50 00	75,25		10 00		65										85.85
Jonas Ridge	85 00			12 05	14.00	1.00										112.05
Minneapolis	274 34			125 00		1 50	175 00	5.00	6,00							595.84
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Oak Grove	10 15	495 85				1 08		2 50								509 08
Pleasant Hill	212 55			90.40	26 07	2 05	36 00		9,00			21,00			21.00	412 09
Pleas't Valley	72 61			11 06	13 80	1 20	4 15	29 74								134.52
Powdermill	41 00			8 15		60										50 15
Roaring Creek	50 00			6 00	20 00	1.00										77.00
Yellow Mt.	147 60		22 40	23 36		2 00										195.36

TABLE III.- SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Aaron	S L Franklin	Montezuma	Myrtle Braswell	Montezuma	1	9	112	121	....	12	2	27.42	.....	4.05	31.47
Big Meadows	D M Phillips	Pyatte	N M Pyatte	Pyatte	1	7	125	132		12	10	12.10			12.10
Beech Mtn	David Trivett	Dark Ridge	Roy McGuire	Dark Ridge	1	8	60	68		12		28.71	2.63		31.34
Cranberry	No S. S.														
Chestnutdale	W M Braswell	Minneapolis	Carl Braswell	Minneapolis	1	5	80	85	44	12	7	20.00		39.80	59.80
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Enoch Cornett	Pineola	1	11	114	125	64	12		36.40		10.26	46.66
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Banners Elk	Minnie Bentley	Heaton	1	6	75	81	45	6	2	5.00			5.00
Elk Park	No S. S.														
Flat Springs	R M Green	Whaley	Lina Green	Whaley	1	6	50	56	25	12		17.48			17.48
Green Valley	J P Grindstaff	Linville Falls	GertrudeMcKinney	Lotta	1	6	45	52	27	9	3	12.00			12.00
Henson Creek	K C Thompson	Plumtree			1	4	30	34		12					10.00
Jonas Ridge	S. S. blank.														
Minneapolis	R F Lewis	Minneapolis	P O Pyatte	Minneapolis	1	10	70	80	40	12	27	125.00			125.00
Mt. Pleasant	H S Burleson	Hughs	Arthur Vance	Pyatte	1	5		65				8.00			8.00
Oak Grove	S. S. blank.														
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Myrtle Cooper	Frank	1	11	90	130	65	12		55.42	15.00	20.00	90.42
Pleas't Valley	W L Cook	Elk Park	W H Presnell	Elk Park	1	6	60	68		12	11	11.06		4.15	15.15
Powdermill	A L Miller	Senia	Geo Buchanan	Senia		6	40	50		12					8.55
Roaring Creek	J G Hughs	Valley	Missouri Webb	Valley	1	5	90	100	40	12	4	6.00			6.00
Yellow Mt	Vester Stafford	Spear	Geneva Buchanan	Spear	1	9	60	70	30	12	4	23.36			23.36

MINUTES

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1921.

Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Newland, N. C. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1921.

1. Introductory sermon, preached by Bro. L. W. Hall, text, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

2. Called to order by R. T. Lewis, and the Convention proceeded to organize by electing Bro R. T. Lewis, Moderator, and J. M. Gragg as Sect.

3. Called for letters from sister Sunday schools. The following letters were received: Frank, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis paid for Minutes,	$1.00
Frank,	.60
	$1.60

4 The following committee was appointed on organization:
Rev N. S. Hampton, Chm., S. C. Braswell, Jessie Buchanan.
Com. on Temperance: S M Pitman, Chm., J D Braswell, B A Ollis
Orphanage: W M Braswell, John Hall, M W Clay.
Program: Lewis Hall, Chm., Rev. Mr. Kilgore.
Report received and adopted.
Motion to adjourn until Saturday 9 o'clock.

5. SATURDAY MORNING

Opened by preaching by Bro. Kilgore.
Scripture reading 1st Psalm. Text: "One thing thou lackest".

6. Recess till 1: 30 p. m.

7. Called to order by R. T. Lewis, Moderator.
Prayer by Bro. Kilgore.
Singing by the Chestnutdale choir, which was grand.

8. Question on Sunday-school Work took up and a very good talk by Bro. Preston Johson.

9. Question: What can we do to make our church and Sunday-school larger?

10 Question: What is the leading sin of the age? A nice talk was given by J. D. Braswell, Bro. Kilgore and Bro. Wilson.

11. Moved and carried that a copy of this be sent to Brother D. Buchanan for publication.

12. Moved and carried that the next Sunday School Convention be held on Friday before the 5th Sunday of the association [?] Bro. S. M. Pitman to preach the introductory sermon.

13. The Convention closed by singing Doxology. Closing prayer led by Rev. Mr. Wilson.

R. T. Lewis, Mod.
J. M. Gragg, Sec.

REPORT ON ORGANIZATION

1. We understand the Suuday School to be the church at work.
2. Each church should have an "Evergreen" Sunday school.
3. The officers of the Sunday school should be elected by the church, and should be members of the Baptist church.
4. Each S. S. should have a teachers' Training Class. Teacher Training is no longer a theory, but it is a much needed fact, and every church should have a trained force of teachers..
5. Every S. S. should be graded. See Convention Normal Manuel for grading S. S. work.
6. Every S. S. should take the advantage of the Correspondence course now offered.

N. S. Hampton, Chm.
J. G. Buchanan,
S. C. Braswell,
} Com.

ORPHANAGE

While we believe in all our denominational institutions and Missions, we be ieve that the S. S. should give special attention to our Orphanage.

We recommend that every S. S. in Avery County decide on a certain amount specially for the Orphanage; and that this amount be raised without depending on the monthly contributions; also that these contributions be sent direct to our Orphanage at Thomasville.

We futher recommend that more of our people take Charity And Children.

The above report was received and adopted.

TEMPERACNE

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievements in the cause of Temperance, never possibly in the history of the world, has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now.

Therefore resolved: That we, the Baptist of the Avery Co. Association now in session, call upon every church, and every member of every church, and upon every liberty loving citizen to rise up and stand for the enforcement of the law; and that every violater

shall be brought to justice. And furthermore, that we pledge our loyal and united support in behalf of the officers in the discharge of their solemn and sworn duties, that peace and safety may be restored to our home and country.

The above report was received and adopted.

Respectfully,

J. D. Braswell,
S. M. Pitman.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: That the thanks of this Convention is hereby tendered the Presbyterian brethren for the use of their church during this session of the Convention.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Convention is tendered the people who have so generously entertained this Convention while in session.

TABLE—4. W. M. U.

Church	Orga'ztn	President	Postoffice	Number of Members	Orphanage	Other Objects	TOTAL
Crossnore	B.Y.P.U.	P L Johnson	Crossnore	30			5 00
"	W.M.U.	Mrs Bell Johnson	"	20	5 00	2 75	7 75
Pls't Hill	W.M.U.	Lotta Pitman	Minneapolis				

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MINUTES

OF THE

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Avery County

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

NEWLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 19 & 20, 1923.

12th ANNUAL SESSION

Next session to be held at Elk Valley Baptist Church to begin on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1924.

Rev. L. W. Sudderth to preach the introductory sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MET WITH

NEWLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

August 23, 1923.

N. S. HAMPTON Moderator, - Pineola, N. C.
D. BUCHANAN Clerk, - - Spear, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Opened by singing Prayer by Dr. C. E. Maddry. Singing.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. D. R. Kilgore. Text, John 16: 33 : Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Prayer was offered by L. W. Hall. Singing.

Association business was continued by R. T. Lewis Moderator.

Letters were called for and reading of them was dispensed with; the Com. on Digest of Churches to report on them.

Election of officers was entertained. N. A. Buchanan nominated N. S. Hampton, and Lloyd Sudderth nominated J. D. Braswell for Moderator. The vote was taken. Rev. N. S. Hampton was declared elected Moderator.

On motion of D. P. Bridges that D. Buchanan be retained Clerk, and that J. D. Braswell cast the entire vote of the association for him, which was done.

A program was presented by the Com. and same was adopted.

The following corresponding and visiting brethren were recognized: Rev. W. C. Wilson from Three Forks Asso. and Thomas Greer.

On motion by J. G. Buchanan and seconded by W. C. Wilson, a rising vote of welcome was tendered Rev. Dr. E. M. Maddry and wife to a seat in the association. Other brethren were welcomed in friendship.

The following committees for the various objects were appointed:

Digest of Churches and Letters— L W Hall, R T Lewis and J D Braswell.

Womans's Work—Mrs D P Bridges, Mrs S C Braswell.

Missions, State, Home and Foreign—D P Bridges, E M Maddry.

Education—W C Wilson, R T Lewis.

Temperance—J D Braswell, S M Pitman.

Pastoral Support—S M Green, N A Buchanan.
Periodicals—L W Hall, E M Maddry.
Obituaries—P L Johnson, H F Ledford.
Orphanage—D R Kilgore, L W Hall, S C Braswell.
Sunday Schools—S M Pitman, W C Wilson, J D Clark.
Time and Place—D T Bailiff, J G Buchanan, S M Buchanan.
Finance—J W Taylor, C T Hicks.
Resolutions—D A Green, Leroy Franklin, W A Nelson.

Singing.

Committee on Periodicals reported and report was read by N. S. Hampton. On motion report was received. Spoken to by Dr. Maddry and adopted.

PERIODICALS

The strength of an army lies, very largely in its leadership. To be a great leader one must know and know that he knows.

The larger work of the Kingdom, likewise, depends very much on the knowledge and wisdom of its leadership. The extent of the activities of the church will depend very much on the information of the individual members. For permanent growth individually or denominationally, we must depend upon real information and inspiration rather than upon emotion which soon passes away. Putting good literature in the home is the best way to keep out bad.

For North Carolina Baptists no paper excels the Biblical Recorder It is the only paper that gives information about every activity of the Baptists of our state.

To know more about our foreign work we should read Home and Foreign Field. To keep in touch with our benevolent work we should read Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper.

To be a constant reader of these three papers broadens the vision and prompts us to greater service in the Kingdom of God.

N. S. Hampton, Com.

Delegates were assigned homes by D. P. Bridges pastor Newland Ch.

Singing, and dismissed till 8 o'clock p. m. by D. A. Green.

NIGHT SESSION, FIRST DAY

Met according to adjournment Singing by Montezuma and Oak Grove choirs, led by S. C. Braswell.

Bible lesson read by L. W. Hall in 24th Chapt. Psalms and prayer by him.

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions was read by D. P. Bridges, and on motion report was adopted, discussed by Dr. E. M. Maddry, in a fine address, who was just back from Baptist World's

Alliance.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions means the work of putting a Baptist church in reach of every family in N. C., with a Baptist preacher proclaiming the truth as it is in the Bible in that church. We have not done our duty as Baptists till we have accomplished this task.

We are trying to do this in a special way through our church building department for which we have only the pitiable sum of $10,000 annually when we could use $40,000. Our evangelistic department for which we have only four men and we need twenty. Our department of supplying pastors for weak churches, and our Sunday-school department.

For all of these phases of work we have the sum of $126000 We could very well use double the amount Pitiful calls come to the board for aid which it is bound to decline for lack of funds.

The board has at work 175 missionaries and evangelists. It calls on every church and individual Baptist to stand loyallly by the work in prayer, cooperation and contributions

God has laid on us this great task and He expects every Baptist to stand in his place about the camp.

D. P. Bridges.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city 18 years ago, the board's receipts for the year were $169,988.92. This year they were $1,002,193 07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms; this year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or deffinite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a similar way. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire: especially has its power been felt in the newer section of the Southwest.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in history. There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our

people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities. Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the board states, that if we raise $75,000,000 by the close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the board's work increased fifty per cent. over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this grea work and all our other interests as well.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self-supporting; 442 or one-half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 1,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have passed the 100,000 mark in membership. We have 103,328 members. These gave $4.43 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist schools in the Southland. Of course all of our schools in foreign lands are not of equal grade to those in the South, but we have our students in these foreign lands under our tutelage quite as long as we have the students in our Southern schools.

There were 1447 Sunday-schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407. We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of $403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign.

After hearing of the Board's financial condition and of the more than fifty young people who were ready to be sent out to the foreign fields this year, the Convention passed a most remarkable endorsement of the Board by raising through voluntary subscriptions from delegates present enough money to send out these new missionaries. That was a very practical endorsement.

In the spirit of what took place at the Southern Baptist Convention the Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new mission-

aries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges.

Singing and collection for Home Missions of $7.62.

Dismissed by Lloyd Sudderth.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture lesson read by D. A. Green from 15th chapter of John and commented from same.

Prayer led by W. C. Wilson.

Association was called to order for business by the Moderator and record of preceeding day was read by the Clerk and adopted as read.

Rev. J. T. Lewis was welcomed to a seat in friendship from Free Baptist church.

Report on Orphanage was offered by D. R. Killgore and spoken to by L. W. Hall, W. C. Wilson, S. C. Braswell and D. P. Bridges.

[No Report on Orphanage appears in the Manuscript. —Printer.]

Report on Sunday-schools was read by W. C. Wilson, discussed by him and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Lord Jesus was known, not as a great preacher, but as the greatest teacher. He emphasized teaching. Paul said in 2 Tim. 2: 2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." The minister who can so train, direct, develop and instruct his members to be real teachers themselves will never fail as a pastor. If a band of Christians are taught the Word, that band of Christians will make a success in church affairs and in other matters as well. Joshua 1: 8 says so very plainly. The evangelist finds the people that are taught in Sunday-school to be the ones to accept Christ as Saviour. The pastor finds the members of his church that attend Sunday-school to be the ones he can depend on in the great undertakings of the church. They are the ones whose lives are such as the Lord can use. They are clean. John 15: 3 "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Eph. 5: 26 "That He might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water by the word." A great many do not study the word except Sunday

morning at Sunday school. It is very important. It is essential to a clean life.

But what shall we study? All agree the bible of course. The mistake is not so much what shall we study but whoshall be the teacher. Our Lord said of the Holy Spirit: "He shall guide you into all truth" and "ye need not that any man shall teach you, the Holy Ghost Himself shall teach you." There is a tendency to trust the writer of helps, or the instructor of the class. A person of this type seldom reads the bible alone, trusting the Holy Spirit to teach them and are babes and often very carnal. It dishonors the Holy Spirit. He is a reliable person with a personality: holy, omnipotent, omnicient and omnipresent. He can be trusted, relied upon, to do the work of a perfect reliable individual. None other can really work but him. God in his word says: "without me ye can do nothing." God uses men, writers etc., but "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." Matt. 10: 20. So, without instructors and our writers we must look to the Spirit to guide us into all truth and keep us from error. Many go astray because of failure just here when error is taught or read. Let us get back to the bible, look into it with our own eyes, see its glories, learn to feed directly from the Master's hand and not indirectly with a spoon held in the hand of another fellow Christian who may be as weak and helpless as we. God is God and what He gives us precious, whether it comes directly or thru the channel of another, if we trust Him and receieve of Him and not the channel thru which it comes. Not the pump but the water which the pump brings we are after.

Let us learn to use and insist on others that they use their Bibles more. Honoring the Holy Spirit by placing more confidence in Him that He may help our infirmities.

Push your Bible study Sunday-school and you will have a good job with good success. "My Word shall not return void."

Respt. submitted, W. Clay Wilson, Ch., S. M. Pitman.

Report on education was read by R. T. Lewis, and discussed by W. C. Wilson.

EDUCATION

In Hosea 4: 6 we read: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: becase thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

Nothing is so alarming as the above fact. People destroyed for lack of knowledge. As much as to say if we are to avoid destruction we must without fail get knowledge: knowledge of the right kind and

it cannot be the right kind if it does not have in it Christ, Christ all the way through. To be a Christian we must have Christ in us: to have Christian Education we must have Christ in it. Not all so called Christian Education is really such. To reject a part of Christ is to reject all: to reject a part of His Word is to reject all. "He that is guilty in one point is guilty in all." In Rev. 22:19, God says that a curse shall be upon the man that takes from the "Words," or addeth to the "Words" of this Book. The curse came in the beginning when Eve disbelieved God's Word—would not let it mean just what it said— and added to True Christian Education is in perfect keeping with the Word of God and does not take from nor add to—just lets it mean what it says.

We have many schools, Baptist schools, that are loyal to the word of God and how we ought to thank God for them. Let us pray for them, patronize them and stand by them to the end. Our children should get the right instruction: should be taught that the Bible means just what it says all the way through. There is a wide tendency now to interpret the bible in the light of science when it should be science interpreted the light of the bible. The whole of Christianity is a miracle, that is a fact and not against science. True science and the bible do not contradict. Men are resorting to their reason and imaginative science for their interpretation of the scriptures. God says: "through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." The student that is taught to reason away the doctrine of the creation will use the same method of interpretation and explain away the doctrine of the new birth, the Deity of our Lord Jesus, the resurrection from death and in fact the whole bible, and nothing else can be expected. As our Lord Jesus drove out of the temple with a cord those who were defiling it, just so we ought to see to it that no disbelieving, bible-destroying, faith-wrecking, pious-seeming, angelic-appearing man or woman (for so the devil came as an angel of light) shall be permited to hold position as an instructor in either our religious or our state schools. We must answer to God at the Judgement day as to what we have done about it.

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

We recommend to our people the Yancey Collegiate Institute, a Baptist institution.

J. W. Pyatte, W. Clay Wilson, R. T. Lewis.

On motion to adjourn till 1: 30. Dismissed by D. A. Green.

EVENING SESSION, SECOND DAY

Association met promptly, continued business by singing, and prayer by D. R. Kilgore.

Discussion on Education continued by D. R. Kilgore, L. W. Hall, D. P. Bridges. Report on Education was finally adopted.

Report on woman's work was adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

The first message about the resurrection was carried by a woman to the disciples. They ran to tell the news. So we should go quickly and tell the good news of salvation to the lost.

The best example of selfdenying liberality in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of woman and the best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of woman. The gift was the widow's mite. The service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. But the gift, the service and the prayer were in self denial, love and faith.

Since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention May the 11, 1888, our Woman's societies have grown in numbers and efficiency until now we have 22,109 societies. Our association only has eight of this number. Let us hope and pray that the pastors of our association may encourage the women and young people to do more for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in our midst.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. S. C. Braswell.

LIST OF SOCIETIES

Church	Leader	Society	No	P.O.
Crossnore	Blanch Johnson	Sunbeams	30	Crossnore, N. C.
Flat Springs	Mrs Edith Guy	W M S	46	Whaley "
Green Valley	Mrs Doc Ollis	Sunbeams	35	Linville Falls
Minneapolis	Mrs Lota Pitman	W M S	17	Minneapolis
Newland	Mrs D P Bridges	W M S	18	Newland
Pleasant Val.	Mrs S M Presnell	Sunbeams	40	Elk Park

Report on Temperance was read by S. M. Pitman.

Discussed by L. W. Hall, D. P. Bridges and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance beg to submit the following:

We believe that intemperance has caused more evils than possibly any other sins unless it is the old mother sin, called slfishness. We do not confine intemperance to the liquor habit alone, for that is by no means the extent of intemperance. A man or a woman can be

intemperate in their dress, eating, or language, and in many other ways which we have not space to mention. Taking all things in to consideration, then intemperance becomes one of the greatest evils with which the Baptist church has to contend to-day. We have laws governing the use of alcoholic liquors and these laws are being inforced by officers selected by our states and government. But on the other hand, it seems to your committee that these other intemperance habits are left entirely to the Christian churches. Now, what are we as a great body of Christians going to do in regard to this matter?

Let us as a church decide that we will stand for temperance in all its phases and will do our part in making the rising generation a temperate people. J. D. Braswell, S. M. Pitman, Com.

Report on Pastoral support was read by I. C. Green.

Report was adopted and discussed by him and D. R Kilgore.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The man of God must equip and fortify as never before to be successful in the master's cause. He must catch the fancies of the day and convert them to the glory of God We as churches hold the key note to the pastor's success or failure. We must pay our pastors enough that even the thought of food or clothing is driven from his mind, so that he can outline his work and sacrifice his manhood, his life, his all to the cause of Christ and building up the churches.

We find that the pastors of Avery county are not paid as much as they could earn from other callings. Many of our members are not paying any thing to the support of our pastors.

R. M. Greene, Ch., N. A. Buchanan, Com

Report on State of the Churches was read by R. T. Lewis and adopted.

STATE of CHURCHES & DIGEST

We your committee submit the following report:

No new churches reported. Last year 22 churches reported a membership of 2144. This year 19 churches report 1988 members.

Last year 22 churches paid pastors $2736.74. This year 19 churches paid pastors $2780.03

Last year 21 churches reported 183 baptisms. This year 19 churches report 217 baptisms.

The total contributions frm 19 churches for objects exclusive of pastors' salaries and minutes was $1,307,600.00. [These figures are like copy. —Printer.]

18 churches report Sunday schools, 5 churches report Woman's Missionary Societies and 4 churches report B.Y.P.U. organizations.

Respy. submitted. R. T. Lewis, L. W. Hall, Com.

Report on Nominations was read by the Clerk and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations recommend J. D. Braswell as trustee of Yancy Co. Collegiate Institute for a term of three years.

We also recommend that the present Mission Board and Executive Committee for the different objects hold over as they now stand except N. S. Hampton as Chairman.

We recommend as Correspondents to Stony Fork Asso. N. S. Hampton, J. D. Braswell.

Roan Mountain: D P Bridges, J G Buchanan.

Yancy: D R Kilgore, L W Hall.

Three Forks: L W Sudderth, R M Green.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. D. P. Bridges, to also be a member of State Mission Board.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: N. S. Hampton, L. W. Hall and D. Buchanan. Respt. submitted.

D. Buchanan, R. M. Greene, J. M. Gragg.

Report of Clerk was read by him and adopted as read.

REPORT of CLERK and TREASURER

Brethren:— I received last year as Minute Funds:

From Churches, - - - -	$41.19
From S. S. Convention, - - -	5.96
	$47.15

Printing of 500 Minutes cost -		$33.85
Postage, - - - -		1.35
Clerk's Fees allowed - -		8.00
Debt from last year . - -		9.57
Total Obligations - -		$52.57

Total Indebtedness - $5.40.

Respt. sub. D. Buchanan, Clerk.

Report on Finance was read by R. T. Lewis and adopted.

FINANCE

We have received from the various churches for Minutes, $34.20. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Taylor, C. T. Hicks, Com.

Committees For Session 1924.

The Moderator appointed the following for Chairmen of various Committees for next year, and they are requested to have their reports ready for their associates to criticise when association meets, and fail not.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Order of Business: D. P. Bridges, D. R. Kilgore & D. Buchanan.
Woman's Work: Mrs. D. P. Bridges.
All Mission Causes: J. D. Braswell.
Education: Prof. W. R. Buchanan.
Temperance: S M Pitman.
Pastoral Support: G. W. McGuire.
Obituaries: L W Hall.
Periodicals: D P Bridges.
Orphanage: L W Sudderth.
Resolutions: J L Pyatte.
Sunday Schools: S C Braswell.
State of Churches: R T Lewis, L W Hall, J D Braswell.
Time and Place: Prof W W Braswell.
Finance: J D Buchanan.

On motion that the Clerk have $8.00 for his services, and that he have 500 Minutes printed was adopted.

On motion S. S. Convention Minutes be printed with Association Minutes was adopted.

Report on Time was read by D. T. Bailiff and was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We the Cmmittee on Time and Place, recommend that the next session of Avery County Association be held with Elk Valley Baptist church, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1924, Rev. L. W. Sudderth to preach the Introductory sermon.

D. T. Bailiff, J. G. Buchanan, S. M. Buchanan.

Report on Resolutions was read by the Clerk and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved First, That we as a body and this association, feel deeply indebted to the church of Newland for supporting and caring for the association in such hospitable way.

We hope and pray that this meeting may be a great blessing to this church and town in advancing the cause of Christ.

Respectfully, D. A. Green, Leroy Franklin, W. A. Nelson.

On motion by D. P. Bridges that this association adjourn to meet with Elk Valley church, 1924.

Singing by choir, and dismissed by prayer.

D. Buchanan, Clerk.

N. S. Hampton, Moderator.

Ordained Ministers of Avery Association

W. G. Buchanan	Lewis Buchanan	D. P. Bridges
N. S. Hampton	L. W. Hall	D. R. Kilgore
J. G. Neal	C. L. Norris	S. A. Hughs
R. L. Palmer	S. M. Pitman	Lloyd Sudderth

Names of Delegates Who Attended The Association.

Aaron—Mrs J W Hays, Harlen Ledford, Elmore Pritchard.
Bellview—Will Hester, Henry Hailmon, Oma Taylor, M. A. Gouge.
Big Meadows—J A Dyson, Z D Pyatt, D M Phillips, Mrs W P Johnson, Sora Pyatt.
Crossnore—W W Benfield.
Beech Mtn.—Roy McGuire.
Cranberry—Mrs W M Gouge.
Chestnutdale—Mrs & Mr John Franklin, D F Huffman, Mrs & Mr. R W Johnson and Bessa Tolley.
Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Mrs Annie Eller.
Flat Springs—A I Green.
Green Valley—Dock Ollis.
Henson Creek—Wesley Houston.
Minneapolis—R T Lewis, W W Pyatte, J W Taylor.
Newland—J D Braswell, Thomas W Hopkins, J W Gragg & wife, Jane Barlow and Mrs B Buchanan.
Oak Grove—M B Vance, A J Taylor, J J Parker, Guss Green, Mrs S M Pitman and J A Ledford.
Pleasant Hill—C T Hicks, Ida Buchanan, N A Buchanan.
Pleasant Valley—Henry Guyn, W W Hampton, Luther McGuire, Mrs S M Presnell.
Roaring Creek—J G Hughs.
Yellow Mt.—Stokes Buchanan.

The Clerk later sent in the following

REPORT on ORPHANAGE.

We your Committee, find that the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is doing the greatest work of any orphanage in the state if not in the south, as it has the bigest number of children, and they are well cared for in every respect. But we fear that our churches and Sunday-schools do not contribute as much as they should, we therefore recommend that each Sunday-school take a collection at least once a month and send it to the orphanage. Have it understood that the first Sunday in each month be orphanage day. If this is done you will train the little ones in Sunday-school the habit of giving, especially to the children who are so unfortunate as to have no father and mother to care for them. We recommend that the pastors of each church take this matter up with the Sunday-school Supts. and help the good work along. This was one of our commands, to visit the widow and orphan. Respectfully submitted,

D. R. Kilgore, L. W. Hall, S. C. Braswell.

TABLE I— STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching (S)	Value of Ch. Property	Rec by Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Lost by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Aaron	D. R. Kilgore	Montezuma	Harlen Ledford	Montezuma	2-4	1500	24	13	....	....	....	1	103
Bell View	J M Whitaker	Johnson City Tenn	M A Gouge	Cranberry	1	500	8	11					65
Big Meadows	J S Pyatte	Nebo	J L Pyatte	Pyatte		2100	6			4			125
Crossnore	D P Bridges	Newland	Enoch Cornett	Pineola	1-2	2000	17			3		3	147
Beech Mtn.	R L Palmer	Dark Ridge	Roy McGuire	Dark Ridge	1	500	10			6	5	1	214
Cranberry	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	S T Staten	Cranberry			15	1	1	9		1	88
Chestnutdale	D R Kilgore	Montezuma	S J Hughs	Hughs	1	3000	36	5	11	2		1	101
Elk Park	D P Bridges	Newland	Mrs B M Hamrick	Elk Park	4	1500	7	7					30
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Vilas	D T Bailiff	Memory	3	800	7	1	1	3	4	2	102
Flat Springs	D A Green	Butler, Tenn	J W Green	Whaley	4	800	9	2	3	2	16		77
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	R L Hall	Spruce Pine	4	1000				1			100
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	Pineola	L C Shell	Jonas Ridge		350				7		1	79
Henson Creek	Lloyd Sudderth	Mentezuma	L S Vance	Spear	3	600							31
Minneapolis	L W Hall	Minneapolis	R T Lewis	Minneapolis			8	2		14	3	2	92
Newland	D P Bridges	Newland	J M Gragg	Newland	1-3	5150	2	3			1		
Oak Grove	D R Kilgore	Montezuma	Ettly Johnson	Newland	2-4	2500	37					1	86
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	L A Ollis	Frank	1	2500	7	4	1		4	1	229
Pleasant Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	2	500	7	3	9	5	1	1	153
Powdermill													
Roaring Creek.	Lloyd Sudderth	Montezuma	Jeffy Hughs	Valley	2		17	1				2	91
Yellow Mt	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Vester Stafford	Plumtree									
Mt Pleasant	No report.												

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TABLE II.--FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Millson (Undes.)	State&As. Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	TOTAL
Aaron	623.66	5000		80.00				14.00			10.00		5727.66
Bell View	97.18	165	25.00	50.00	5.00	2.00							366.02
Big Meadows	40.00	2000		42.00		1.80	25.00				40.00		2148.80
Crossnore	125.00		5.00	150.00		1.50	53.00	29.00					334.80
Beech Mtn.	57.40			9.63		1.50	24.00	18.00					110.53
Cranberry.	120.00					1.00							121.00
Chestnutdale	300.00	2200	25.85	21.85	20.00	2.00							256.10
Elk Park	101.46	1657				1.50		5.50			25.60	100.00	1799.66
Elk Valley	205.85			8.00	15.00	2.05		6.00		7.65	6.00		300.55
Flat Springs	148.84			35.77		2.00		75.33					261.58
Green Valley	89.38			13.78		1.90	12.60	27.00	1.43	2.25	17.40		165.34
Henson Creek	32.05			6.00		1.00						other	39 00
Minneapolis	77.00	85	11.35	25.00		2.00	19.50	5.80	104.40	9.90	21 85	benev.	374 54
Newland	350.00	630	20.25	25.00	50.75	5.75	15.25	114.00	2.41		17 55	133.96	1265 12
Oak Grove	216.00	100	45.00	20.00		2.00							373.00
Pleasant Hill	201.00	20		46.62	15.00	3.00	40.00	18.75	108.24		10.00		351.91
Pleasant Valley	75.46			12.32	13.00	3.00	26.75	7.80			43.00		138.84
Roaring Creek	50.00	5			.65	1.00							56.65
Jonas Ridge	72.00				10.00	2.20		14.00			5.55		103.75

Mt. Pleasant and Yellow Mtn. —No report.

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TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Months Open	School Expenses	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Aaron	S. L. Franklin	Montezuma	Thelma Hayes	Montezuma	10	98	108	12	80.00		80.00
Bell View	Jess Cook	Minneapolis	Bettie Ollis	Cranberry	9	92	101	12	50.00		50.00
Big Meadows	D M Phillips	Pyatte	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	8	111	119	12	42.00		42.00
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Galen Johnson	Crossnore	11	93	104	12	150.00		150.00
Beech Mtn.	J C Mann	Whaley	T F Cook Jr	Dark Ridge	6	89	95	12	9.63		9.63
Cranberry	No Sunday school										
Chestnutdale	W M Right	Hughs	Talm. Braswell	Minneapolis	9	91	100	12	21.25		21.25
Elk Park	No S. S.										
Elk Valley	A S Norman	Memory	Annie Eller	Memory	6	74	80	12	8.00		8.00
Flat Springs	R M Green	Whaley	Lina Green	Whaley	8	66	74	12	35.77		35.77
Green Valley	R L Hall	Spruce Pine	Lanta McGuire	Lotta	6	72	78	12	13.78		13.78
Henson Creek			L S Vance	Spear	5	45	50		6.00		6.00
Minneapolis	R T Lewis	Minneapolis	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	5	65	70	12			
Newland	J D Braswell	Newland	Pearl Hughs	Newland	8	80	88	12	25.00		25.00
Oak Grove									20.00		20.00
Pleasant Hill	N A Buchanan	Minneapolis	Lucy Cooper	Frank	15	152	167	12	46.42	10.96	57.38
PleasantValley	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	Plato Hicks	Elk Park	7	52	59	12	12.32		12.32
Roaring Creek.	Jeffy Hughs	Valley	Joda Buchanan	Valley	8	73	81	12			
Jonas Ridge	No S. S.										
Powdermill	No report.										
Yellow Mt.	Vester Stafford	Plumtree	H R Buchanan	Spear							

TABLE IV— W. M. UNION

CHURCH	ORGANIZAT'N.	PRESIDENT	P. O.	Number of Members	75-Million	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Big Meadows	Sunbeams	Mrs J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	20					
Crossnore	B.Y.P.U.	Not given.		64					
Beech Mtn	Sunbeams	Conard Cook	Whaley	32					
Flat Springs	B.Y.P.U.	Earnest McGuire	Whaley	22					
"	W. M. S.	Edith Gray	Whaley	7					
"	Sunbeams	Mrs A I Green	Whaley	40					
Green Valley	"	Mrs Dock Ollis	Linville Falls	24					
Newland	W. M. S.	Mrs D P Bridges	Newland	14	8.90	9.05	1.55	25.85	47.23
Newland	Sunbeams	Miss Pearl Hughs	Newland	20	1.78				
Pleasant Hill	W. M. S.	L E Pitman	Minneapolis	10	8.00			4.00	6.08
Pleasant Valley	B.Y.P.U.	Luther McGuire	Elk Park	40					
"	Sunbeams	Mrs S M Presnell	Elk Park	51	1.36			4.72	6.08
Aaron	B.Y.PU..	W W Braswell	Montezuma	50					

MINUTES

Of

Avery County Sunday School Convention, 1923.

Avery County Sunday School Convention met at Oak Grove Baptist church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July 1923.

1. Introductory sermon preached by Bro. D. T. Bridges. Text, Matt. 28: 18. The convention enjoyed a splendid sermon.

2. Convention came to order and the work of organizing taken up and resulted in the election of Bro. S. M. Pittman Chairman, and Bro. Lloyd Sudderth Secty, followed by the assigning homes for the delegates from sister Sunday-schools.

3. The letters or reports from the following Sunday-schools were passed to the recording Secty: Crossnore, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Henson Creek, Pleasant Hill, Newland.

4. Received by the Secty. for Minute fund from Newland $1 00, Henson Creek $ 50, Minneapolis $1.00, Chestnut Dale $1 00, Oak Grove $1 00, Pleasant Hill $1 50, Crossnore $1 00, Big Meadows $1.00. Total for Minute fund ect. $8 00.

5. Moved and carried that the convention be adjourned till 2: 00 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session

6. The following committees were appointed with the first named on each as Chairman:

Programme: Rev. D. R. Kilgore, D. T. Bridges, Stokes Braswell.
Preaching: Bro Sill Huffman, Harrison Burleson, Slight Braswell.
Finance: Bro. Alvin Nelson, Henry Hicks, Harrison Burleson.
Temperance: Breth. Stokes Braswell, L P Johnson, Rev L W Hall.
Orphanage: Rev D R Kilgore, D T Bridges, J F Parker.
Time and Place: Misses Bertha Parker, Iva Lee Taylor, P L Johnson.

7. Moved and carried that a committee bo appointed to arrange a programme for the 1924 convention, to be made out by Revs. L. W. Sudderth, D. R. Kilgore, W. W. Braswell and P. L. Johnson. Said programme to be printed in connection with this edition of the convention now in session.

8. Adjourned till Saturday 9 a. m.

Morning exercises.—Chapel conducted by P. L Johnson. Song: Let the World See Jesus in Your Life.

9. Subject of Sunday School work—How to get the masses into S. S. and how to keep them, by Rev. Dr. Carpenter Columbia, S. C.

University of S. C. Further discussion by D. R. Kilgore, D. T. Bridges, P. L. Johnson, and Stokes Braswell.

10. Bible in the S. S. by Rev. L. W. Hall. Bro. Hall gave the convention the treat of the convention in this discussion which was enjoyed fully by all.

11. Sermon by Dr. Carpenter at eleven. Very interesting.

12. Preparation of Teachers in the S. S. by D. T. Bridges and Rev. Mr. Kilgore. Much thought given to this topic.

RECESS till 2 p. m.

The evening session.

13. The Temperance question discussed in Round Table— with much interest and enthusiasm.

14. Reports of the various committees were read and received.

The report on Orphanage delayed till 1924 convention.

15. Report of Program Com. Rev. L. W. Hall to preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and Rev. Lloyd W. Sudderth at 3 p. m.

Report of Finance: Rec'd. from S. S. heretofore named $8.00, general collection 93 cts. We recommend that the convention pay the Secretary $4.00 for his services.

Report of Temperance: Paul in his letter to I. Thes. 5:22, 23 commands us to abstain from all appeaaance of evil and following the command with a prayer, asks God to set us apart for his work, and ends with a request that we be found blameless before God.

We recommend that we as a people make every effort to carry out this command by being temperate in our conversation and in all our deportment and endeavor to exemplify the life of Christ, first by being a law abiding citizen, 2 by being loyal to the Christian cause, and last by being temperate in all things.

Report on Time and Place.

We confer the honor of the next S. S. Convention on Big Meadows Baptist Church for its 1924 session, to be held on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1924, being July 18-19-20

Resolved, That the Convention at large tender its thanks to the Oak Grove church and community for their co-operation and kindnesses.

Resolved, That the Convention do its utmost to increase the S.S. spirit throughout Avery County.

The Convention wishes to thank the choir of Oak Grove and Montezuma for the fine singing.

Paid the Secretary $4.00.

Paid to the Avery County Baptist Association $5.00 for Minute Fund—O. D. 7 cents

S. M. Pittman Chairman.
Rev. Lloyd W. Sudderth Sect'y.

P. S.

Sunday Morning 11 a m

Sermon by Rev. L. W. Hall—Large attendance and a fine discourse.

Sunday evening 3 p. m. Sermon by Rev. L. W. Sudderth. Come for all things are now ready. Large attendance. Plea for the convention at large to profit by its experiance and for acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour by all.

L. W. S. Sect'y.

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MINUTES

OF THE

13th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

ELK VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 21 & 22, 1924.

Next annual session to be held at Chestnutdale Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1925.

Rev. J. W. P. Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

13th ANNUAL SESSION

OF

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ELK VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 21 - 22, 1924.

First Day's Session

Opened by singing, Oh, Happy Day.

Prayer by F. M. Huggins. Remarks by Moderator.

Bro. L. W. Sudderth, who was to preach the annual sermon, could not be at the association, and appointed Rev. H. T. Stevens to fill his place. Text, Job 6 ch 6 v. He preached a great sermon.

Prayer led by N. S. Hampton, after which the association was called to order by the Moderator and special prayer was called for the advancement of the association, led by Rev. J. W. P. Hill.

Letters were called for from the churches. The following letters were received:—Aaron, Chestnutdale, Yellow Mt., Bell View, Elk Valley, Minneapolis, Beech Mt., Jonas Ridge, Green Valley, Flat Springs, Pleasant Hill, Roaring Creek, Newland, Cranberry, Powdermill, Big Meadows, Oak Grove. On motion, letters not read.

Election of officers entertained. Rev. D P Bridges nominated for Moderator, N. S. Hampton. On motion that D. Buchanan cast the entire vote for N. S. Hampton, which he did.

On motion that S. M. Pitman serve as Cleak, which he declined.

On motion by S. C. Braswell that D. Buchanan serve as clerk. Question was put to the house and same carried.

Program was adopted as reported by committee.

The following Committees for different objects were appointed by the Moderator :

Womans Work—Mrs Dock Ollis, D P Bridges, Mrs O C Haggy.
State, Home and Foreign Missions—J W P Hill, W M Gilmore, F M Huggins.
Education—M A Huggins, H T Stevens.
Temperance—S M Pitman, W C Wilson, N A Buchanan.
Pastoral Support—G W McGuire, T C Wilson, W W Pyatte.
Obituaries—L G Reed, R T Lewis.
Periodicals—D P Bridges, M A Huggins, D H Stevens.
Orphanage—G W Trivett, D A Green, L C Wilson.
Resolutions—J L Pyatte, Tom Key, B F McGuire.
Sunday Schools—S C Braswell, M H Huggins, Claude Stafford.

State of Churches—R T Lewis, D P Bridges, Dewey Johnson.
Time & Place—John Franklin, W A Buchanan, T C Hicks.
Finance—J G Buchanan, D T Bailif, Birt Isaacs.
Hospitals—R N Cardwell, W M Gilmore.
Nominations—N A Buchanan, R M Green, J G Buchanan.

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats in the association. The following were recognized: W. M. Gilmore of State Mission Board, M. A. Huggins, Sec. Educational Board, F.M.Huggins, W. C. Wilson, G. W. Trivett, Uriah Farthing, of Three Forks Asso., A. J. Deadman, Rev. C. J. Woodson of King's Mountain Association, welcomed to seats. Rev. J. M. Heaton of the Christian Ch. was a welcome visitor.

By request, special prayer was offered for Rev. L. W. Hall, Mrs. G. W. Trivett, Rev. C. J. Woodson and Sister Guinn, led by Uriah Farthing.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. W. P. Hill.

AETERNOON, FIRST DAY

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing, Jesus Loves Me. Prayer led by D. A. Green. Singing. Associational business dispatched as follows:

Report on Periodicals was read by D. P. Bridges and received.

Discussed by him and W. M. Gilmore. Report was adopted.

PERIODICALS

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"Then said he unto them, Therefore every Scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."— D. P. Bridges, H. T. Stevens, M. H. Huggins.

Report on Education was read by H. T. Stevens. Discussed by M. A. Huggins, Uriah Farthing, H T Stephens, F M Huggins, W C Wilson, J W Hill, L C Wilson. Report adopted.

EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schools. The value of a school depends upon its ideals. The ideals of a school have their highest worth only as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education.

To this end, North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women—Meredith, at Raleigh, and Chowan, at Murfreesboro. From last reports, Wake Forest enrolled 845 students, including

81 ministerial students and 7 volunteers for the Foreign Field; the two women colleges enrolled together 503, including 23 student volunteers. The combined property value of the three, including plants, equipment and endowments, is $3,865,494.87.

We also maintain two junior colleges, for both sexes—Mars Hill at Mars Hill, and Wingate, at Wingate. These two enrolled 685 pupils, including 64 ministerial students, and 20 student volunteers. Their property value was $340,000.00.

Our three high schools are Buie's Creek, Boiling Springs, and Liberty-Piedmont, enrolling 1121 pupils, including 48 ministerial and 8 student volunteers. Their property value is $431,000. We also have 100 high school students in the Thomasville Orphanage.

So the Baptist high schools and colleges in this State, owned and controlled by Associations and the State Convention, enrolled 3,254 students, including 193 ministerial students and 58 mission volunteers, and own property worth $4,336,494.87.

In addition to these institutions' our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, maintains 7 high schools, which enrolled 1,196 pupils, and are worth $340,850. Their student bodies include 35 ministerial students and 44 student volunteers. So the total number of students enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools was 4,450, with 228 ministerial students and 102 student volunteers. And their total property value was $4,977,344.87.

South-wide institutions in which we have a part includes the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School, Louisvill, Ky.; the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Tex. and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La These institutions altogether enroll 1613 pupils, and their property is valued at $3,929,404.34. It is for the maintainance of these institutions that our Education Board is laboring.

While the $5,000,000 which we have invested in school property in this State seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State schools; and the few thousands we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared to the State's annual appropriations to her high schools, colleges and university. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support our 330 young ministerial and missionary students, which are now being trained in them; on these we expect about $14,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than diminish for the future for the following reasons:

1 Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank along

with those of the State in cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2 Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come out of our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3 Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all science to God Almighty. In our schools the Bible is revered and taught as the inspired word of God and the study of it is required of all.

4 The denominational school emphasizes not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they help to enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

H. T. Stevens, M. H. Huggins.

We are positively opposed to evolution being taught in any of our Christian schools.

Uriah Farthing.

We heartily endorse all our schools and urge our parents to send their children to school.

Delegates were assigned homes.

Singing. Adjourned by prayer led by Geo. Trivett.

EVENING SESSION, FIRST DAY

Opened by singing What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

Prayer led by W. M. Gilmore.

Report on Hospitals was read by W. M. Gilmore. Discussed by him and adopted

OUR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This is the youngest child of our Baptist State Convention. It is located on a beautiful site in the City of Winston-Salem. It was built by the Baptists of North Carolina and by the city of Winston-Salem.

Superintendent G. T. Lumpkin reports that since it opened its doors, about a year ago, it has received 1,407 patients, 200 of whom

were charity patients. It had a marvelous record of healing. It is felt that prayer has been a leading factor in contributing to this success. The purpose of this institution is to give to our Baptist people throughout the state the anvantages of hospital service under distinctively religious influences at the lowest possible cost. It has already proven its right to live.

We recommend that all our churches make a special offering for the charity work of this institution next Mothers' day in May.

Walter M. Gilmore.

Report on Orphanage was read by L. C. Wilson. Discussed by J W. P. Hill and W. M. Gilmore.

ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is the one vital living department of our denominational work that keeps us in constant touch with the crying needs of our dependent children.

For 39 years this work has been growing until we are now caring for 550 children at Thomasville and the Kenedy Home and 312 out in the state with their own mothers.

The current fund necessary to maintain the Orphanage is around $175,000 the year, not including buildings and improvements. The contributions of one Sunday in each month from the Sunday-school and a great Thanksgiving offering equal to ONE DAY'S INCOME has become the main source of supply. The marvelous way that the Lord has blessed this big home is a loud call for our continued loyalty. The denomination from mountain to sea has been wonderfully strengthened by the reflex influence of their generous giving to the Orphanage.

The helpless childhood of our state lays upon us the obligation to widen our work and to reach out the hands of help to those who are without a penny, a home or a friend. And there are hundreds of children in North Carolina utterly destitute, who are as worthy and as promising as those who are already enjoying the blessings and protection of the Orphanage. So the task ever widens and we are therefore asking the Sunday-schools and churches of this association to continue to make larger investments in the Orphanage.

L. C. Wilson, Geo. W. Trivett, D. A. Green.

Report on Temperance was read by D. Buchanan. Discussed by J. W. P. Hill. Report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive our full reward." 2 John 8 verse.

Ground has been taken; many victories won along the lines of

temperance. Especially as pertaining to whisky. Some of our officers have been doing a fine work against the whisky business while others have not done so well. We have our laws and they are alright but the important thing now is the enforcement of these laws. Our fight is not over and will not be until He comes. We must hold the ground taken and go forward. God is with us in the fight.

Whisky in not the only intemperance we have to deal with. We have it coming to us in various garbs: The tobacco habit, the automobile craze, which is emtying our churches and sending boys and girls to ruin. It is not so much a house of ill fame as on automobile of ill fame. Boys and girls car riding any time, day or night, and just anywhere, is an awful evil.

Moving picture shows and theaters that are going up all over the country with worldly, carnal, sensual shows to poison the youth, are destroying the moral life.

The immodest, immoral way in which our women, especially the young women, go "undressed" is enough to keep minds impure,and "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Each of these evils go together and should be faught together.

S. M. Pitman, W. Clay Wilson.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday by singing.

Dismissed by D. A Green.

Second Day's Session

Opened by singing.

Devotional exercises conducted by D. A. Green. Scripture lesson Psalm 51. Prayer led by L. C. Wilson.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Names of Delegates was called and the following attended asso. :

Roll of Delegates

Aaron—W. S. Sudderth, Jona Braswell.

Beech Mt.—M S Cook, B F McGuire, L M Storie, T F Cook.

Big Meadows—Z D Pyatte, J L Pyatte, O D Pyatte, Mrs E O Pyatte

Bell View—Will Hester.

Cranberry—Mrs & Mr R N Cardwell, Gertrude Allison, Flossie Julion.

Chestnut Dale—Dewey Johnson, Mrs Mary Braswell, John Franklin, Reany Tolley.

Elk Park—Mrs & Mr O C Haggy.

Elk Valley—R L Puckett, W D Bailiff, A Guyn.

Flat Springs—R M Green, Earnest McGuire, C L Norris.

Green Valley—Mrs Dock Ollis, Aden Ollis, Miss Florretta Hall.

Jonas Ridge—L G Reid.

Minneapolis—R T Lewis, W W Pyatte, J W Taylor, V W Green, Delia Green.

Newland—W A Buchanan, S C Braswell, Tom Key, S Franklin.

Oak Grove—M B Vance, W A Nelson, J A Ledford.

Pleasant Hill—N A Buchanan, Henry Hicks, Billy Buchanan, C T Hicks, Homer Pitman.

Powdermill—Hick Buchanan, Claude Stafford. Pass McKinney, Avery Hailman.

Pleasant Valley—W H Presnell, Luther McGuire, Plato Hicks, Mrs S M Pennell, W H Presnell, Mrs Jane Stanberry.

Yellow Mt.—Stokes Buchanan, W W Buchanan.

Report on Woman's Work was read by D. P. Bridges and received. Discussed by Mrs. Dock Ollis, the Moderator and D Buchanan Report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

We have in our association five Societies that are active, one Woman's Society and four Sunbeams. We have organized several others but they seem to have gone to sleep and are not at all active.

These societies have contributed during the last year, the sum of $43.05 to our work.

We urge the pastors and the sisters in our churches to take up this work and see that the women and the children are organized and put to work.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. O. C. Hagie.

By request of J. W. P. Hill, 18 children under 13 years of age, came forward and sang: I Belong to a Sunbeam Band.

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions was read by J. W. P. Hill Discussed by him and W. M. Gilmore, and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

Organization: The Baptist State Convention was conceived in the consecrated brain of Martin Ross. The convention was organized at Greenville, N. C. on March 26, 1830. The following brethren were present at this first session of the Convention: P. W. Dowd, R. M. Guffie, Wm. P. Biddle, Samuel Wait. John Armstrong, Thomas Meredith, C. W. Skinner, James McDaniel, H. Austin, P. P. Lawrence, R. S. Long, T. D. Mason, George Stokes and R S. Blount.

A "Board of Directors" was appointed at the first meeting. This corresponds to our State Mission Board of today. A dozen brethren were selected as agents, whose business seems to have been to present the clalms of the convention in their respective localities. John Armstrong was the first Corresponding Secretary.

Growth: When the Convention was organized there were 15,000 Paptists in the State, white and colored. Now there are 340,000

white Baptists, and 230,000 negro Baptists, making a total of 570,000 out of a population of 3,500,000. We have baptized 100,000 into our churches since 1919. There are 64 associations, 2,263 churches, 2,175 Sunday-schools, 1,365 B.Y.P.U.'s and 2,075 W. M. S. and Auxiliary Societies. There are 1,300 churches without a B.Y.P. U. and about the same number without a W.M.S. organization. There are 1,998 Country Churches in the State and between 1,400 and 1,500 with just a little one-room church house. We are rapidly building new church and Sunday-school equipment and we can see from the above that we have a long way to go.

Financhial Achievements: We have had great progress in our contributions during the past few years. During the four and one-half years of the 75 Million Campaign we have paid to Missions and Benevolence and Education as follows:

First Year,	$1,026,629.54
Second Year,	1,281,742.58
Third Year,	950,443.27
Fourth Year,	795,441.06
From December 1st 1923, to May 1st 1924, ...	403,315.98
Undivided Balance,	32,039.48
Sent Direct to Louisville Training School,	21,302.06
Grand Total, - - - -	$4,511,013.81

State Missions gets about 13 cents out of the dollar. This is far too little for our great State Mission program. In the 1925 program we are to get 20 cents out of every dollar given. With this increase we ought to enlarge our State Mission program.

Number of Workers: We have 500 churches and mission stations being served by 180 missionaries. We have 3 evangelists, 3 enlistment men, 3 student workers, 4 Sunday-school workers, 3 B.Y.P.U and 3 W.M.U. workers. We have Associate Secretary A. C. Hamby, located at Mars Hill, and Stewardship Secretary W. M. Gilmore at Raleigh.

New Testament Stewardship: A proper understanding and practice of this fundamental dictrine by N. C. Baptists would solve every one of our problems. Hence we are placing great emphasis on the study of Bible teaching on this subject. Many of our pastors have taught classes in Cook's book, "Stewardship and Missions," and have preached special sermons on the subject with good results. One of our great objectives is to get every Baptist in N. Carolina to realize that he is a steward of his possessions and not the owner, that one day he must stand before the real Owner and give an account of

how he has used everything that has been entrusted to him. To induce all of our Baptist churches to become orthodox in practicing the simple New Testament plan of financing the Kingpom of God. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him",this is one of our serious problems.

Our Immediate Needs: We have at this writing, Aug. 1, a debt on the running account of the State Missions of $70,000. We get 13 cents out of the dollar in the 75 Million Campaign. We face a terrible debt this fall unless our people pay their pledges.

Then our building fund is simply over whelmed with applications. There are more than thirty-five applications on file in the office that we have not been able to touch. We need so much a larger amount for our building fund. We could use a quarter of a million dollars next year and then not have enough.

We need to enlarge every Department of the work and we must enlarge and go forward or we shall lose our opportunity. A crisis is upon us this fall and we must meet it like men and women who love and fear the Lord.

J. W. P. Hill,
W. M. Gilmore,
F. M. Huggins.

HOME MISSIONS

The Board refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last years in Home Mission endeavor, especially during the five-year period of the 75 Million Campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annals. A study of the Board's annual reports for these five years reveals a record of achievements. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a heavy debt that has rested on the Board for four years past, God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been held in various fields and thousands have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years we have been laboring and laying foundations, are coming to self-support and in turn are having a part in denominational work. Enlargement is called for from every direction. The calls are many and heart-searching from weak churches needing help and destitute fields needing missionaries in the countryside and in our growing towns and cities.

Changing conditions in the industrial world, the migration of the Negroes by hundreds of thousands to the North, the test of our civilization by the creeping of insidious error in our schools and colleges, all these call for the leavening power of the gospel. Who that reads our daily papers can deny that there is throughout our land a deplorable attitude on the part of multitudes of people with respect

to law and government. The gospel is the pure corrective for these things and our Home Mission Board furnishes for Southern Baptists a great Southern agency for giving the gospel in purity and power.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdensome debt and consequent retrenchment in its forces, presents a wonderful out look for the future. So marvelous have been God's favors upon our people in the last few years, and especially through the 5-year Campaign, that we are able by virtue of our forces and resources to seize the present situation and make Southern Baptists the greatest single religious force in the South and thruout our nation. The South is the nursery, the training ground, the granary, the source of supply, indeed, for our conquest of all lands. If we fail here we fail everywhere!! If we succeed here we succeed everywhere! May God help our people in this great day of opportunity with high resolve to meet the issues worthily and hasten the coming of His Kingdom on earth

Following is a summary of some features of the Board's work for the last 5 years: Sermons and addresses 802,382: prayer meetings 1 01,075; religious visits 1,238.210; baptisms 203,532; total additions to churches 324,086; workers' conferences held 4,667; volunteers for Christian service 15,049; church houses built or improved 2,225; Sunday-schools organized 3,183; copies Scripture given 55,533; pages tracts distributed 35,812,479.

The 75 Million Campaign closes with December 1924 and it has been stated that if we raise the full 75 million dollars and Home Missions receives its due proportion we can pay off all of the Board's debt and be ready for an aggressive work for the future.

A free supply of tracts and leaflets can be had from the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healy Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Their splen- Home Mission books are sold at actual cost.

J. W. P. Hill, W. M. Gilmore, F. M. Huggins.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

For 79 years the work of Foreign Missions has been implicit in the minds of the people of God's Kingdom who are striving to do His work. Year after year the words "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is gaining entrance into every heart. The bequests received for the last few years amounts to $30, 534.32. Let the names of these friends of Foreign Missions be embalmed in the hearts and memories of Southern Baptists.

Field Reports: The African Mission This field has been built up just a few missionaries now some parts of Africa [like copy]are calling for helpers to work with them. Two women are giving their time in organizing W.M.U's. Bible Classes. They are also doing

some evangelistic work. For the past 2 years Schools, COLLEGE, and Seminary have been erected.

The North Brazil Mission. Much good has come from this new work. Fifty preaching places, 22 churches organized.

In South Brazil we have a strong college and seminary. We also have a large publishing house, which is doing much good in putting out all kinds of literature.

Other stations that have been established for some time, al out which we already know, are doing great work in Kingdom work.

Hospitals: Eight in China, one in Africa.

Publishing Houses: Two in China, 1 in Japan, 1 in Mexico, 2 in Brazil, 1 in Argentina, 1 in Chile, 1 in Italy, 1 in Hungary, in Roumania 1, and in Spain 1. Schools and Academies, 72.

The Lord has given us the world to win for Him. If we would all work, pray and pay our pledges, the Foreign Mission Board could lift the debt and go on with the building and the work in general. We now have over 200 missionaries in the work, paid by the Foreign Mission Board.

J. W .P. Hill,
W. M. Gilmore,
F. M. Huggins.

Report on State of Churches was read by R. T. Lewis.

Report received and adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your Committee submit the following report:

No new churches reported. Last year nineteen churches reported 1988 members, this year 19 churches report 2,018 members. Last year 19 churches reported Pastors' Salaries $2780.03; this year 19 churches paid pastors $3001.28, an average of $146.54. Last yr. 19 churches reported 217 baptisms; this year 19 churches report 145 Last year 19 churches reported total financial expenses exclusive of Pastors' Salaries, $1,307.60; this year 19 churches report $2,361 03. Last year 18 churches reported Sunday-schools; this year 19 churches report Sunday-schools. 5 churches reported W. M. Societies.

We request the Church Clerks to make fuller reports as to statistics. There was no report from any of the churches on B. Y. P. U. work and we can make no report on this account.

Respectfuully submitted.

R. T. Lewis, D. P. Bridges, Dewey Johnson, Com.

Avery County Asrociation accepts the proposition to raise $1,006 as their part of the one million dollars to be raised by the State for all mission purposes for 1925.

An oral report by the Delegates of the different churches was

made as to their progress.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock by N. S. Hampton.

AFTERNOON SESSION — SECOND DAY

Opened by singing. Prayer led by W. C. Wilson.

Report on Time and Place was read by John Franklin. Adopted.

TIME & PLACE

We the Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of the Avery Baptist Association be held with Chestnutdale Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1925. That Rev. J. W. P. Hill preach the Introductory Sermon.

John Franklin Ch'n. C. T. Hicks.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by G. W. McGuire. Report was received, and discussed by him, L. C. Wilson and N. S. Hampton and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We believe in a converted, God-called and educated ministry. We believe in advance preparation for the great work that God enjoins upon his servants. Paul's admonition to Timothy was to study, to become a workman approved of God.

Naturely the church looks to the pastor as a safe counselor on all vital questions that demand the attentlon of the church. It is the duty of every church to seek a pastor of these qualities, and then see that his purse and table are supplied at all times, and further we need to pray more for the success and welfare of the pastor, and that central figure that holds home together the wife, did you ever stop and think what sacrifice, what self denial, what lonely hours she must endure? Lets turn another page and ask God to help us to do more for the pastor, his wife and children, than ever before.

We should consider the pastor's dues, a debt of the first order and every church member should be required to contribute as the Lord has prospered them to their pastor's needs.

G. W. McGuire,
W. W. Pyatte, } Com
L. C. Wilson,

Report on Sunday-schools was read by S. C. Braswell. Report was received and discussed by him very forcefully and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the Bible studying and teaching of the church. It is a church service. It should be under the care and control of the church, and all the members of the church should be connected with it and take an active part in the service. The purpose of which is to present the Word of God by the hand of compe-

tant and consecrated teachers to every man, woman and child that they may be led to Christ, developing their Christian characters and training them for church service.

Therefore the Sunday-school teacher, next to the minister of the gospel, fills the most responsible place in church service and should study diligently in order to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. Taking as his great teacher the Holy Spirit whom Christ said: "He shall guide you into all truth," and The Holy Ghost Himself shall teach you.

While our helps are good and worthy of our close study, the Bible should be used in our Sunday-schools also, as it has a tendency to cultivate the habit of Bible reading and enables us to study for our selves and not rely entirely on the writer of the helps and will help the world to get back to the Bible and look into it with their own eyes and feed directly from its pages as the true Word of God.

These are momentous times in which we are living and the success with which our young people are instructed and trained religiously will have much to do with the welfare of the world for generations to come if time lasts, and if Christ comes soon more will be ready for his coming, if our Sunday-schools do their entire duty.

As we have no denominational schools in our county and have to rely almost entirely on our state schools for the education of our children it is here that we face the most dificult aspect of the problem of properly training our children. The public school teacher has them five days in the week, the Sunday-school teacher one. Therefore Christian citizens should exert their powerful influence in securing men and women to have charge of our county system of education and state schools of positive Christian faith and character who have a right conception of the relation of education to the religious life and men and women of positive religious influence.

S. C. Braswell, Chairman of County.

Resolution on Hospitality was read by D. Buchanan for the Com. and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That this association hereby thanks the brethren and sisters of the Elk Valley Church and for the splendid and highly appreciated way in which they have emtertained this association, and we hope and pray that it may be a great blessing to this church.

J. L. Pyatte, B. F. McGuire.

Obituaries was read by J. W. P. Hill for the Com. and same was adopted.

OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following:

Ever since our fore father and mother, Adam and Eve, transgressed God's laws in the garden, death has been abroad in the land because sin and disobedience brought about death. God created man in His own image, but man has to some extent lost the image of God

After the fall of man sin abounded in the world. God looked down and saw the state which the world was in. It grieved God that He had made man, so heave n was searched and the earth was searched for one who was able to redeem the world but none was found able except the blessed Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, took upon himself a body like unto ours, only sin excepted. Christ grew up as we, only He was a child which was obedient to his heavenly Father, also his earthly parents. When his time was accomplished which God had ordained, He tasted death for all.

In our association in the last year we have lost 13 members by death. Oh that when we are called to die may we say as one of old "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

L. G. Reid, R. T. Lewis, Committee.

Report of Clerk & Treasurer was read by the clerk and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brethren: I submit the followieg report for the year ending Aug. 1, 1924:

Received from churches on Minute Funds &c.	$37.20
Received from Sunday School Convention,	5 00
Total received,	$42.20

Disbursed:

Printing 500 Minutes,	$33.85	
Clerk's Fees allowed,	8.00	
Postage,	1.20	
Balance Due from last year,	5.48	
Total Ex.	$48.45	
Still Due Clerk,		$6.25.

Respt. D. Buchanan.

Report on Nominations was read by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We recommend that the present Ex. Committee be continued.

Correspondents: To Roan Mtn., J. G. Buchanan, S. C, Braswell.

Stony Fork, N. S. Hampton, D. R. Kilgore.

Yancy, Webb Braswell, L. W. Hall.

Three Forks, J. W. P. Hill, R. M. Green.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, D. P. Bridges, also to be a member of State Mission Board.

State Convention, N. S. Hampton, D. R. Kilgore, D. Buchanan.

J. G. Buchanan, N. A. Buchanan, R. M. Greene.

On motion insert names of Executive Com. in report.

On motion that this association take a collection for Bro. William Hampton who is in need. Collection amounted to $8.71 and sent to him by Bro. Luther McGuire.

Report on Finance was read by J. G. Buchanan and adopted as read.

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received from the different churches for Minute Fund	$33 60
On 75 Million Campaign	8.40
Total,	$42.00

We find that the association is due Clerk from last years report $6.25. We recommend that he ask the churches to make up the amount due him, and to pay all expense for this year, and that he be allowed $8.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Bailiff.

On motion that the churches request their delegates to attend all the sittings of the association and to stay till all the business is transacted.

RESOLUTION

We your Committee on Resolutions recommend and ask that the proceedings of the S. S. Convention be printed along with the associational minutes and that the funds they have be used to pay for same.— J. L. Pyatte, B. F. McGuire.

By order of the Association, Resolved That as so many of the delegates fail to attend and many that attend leave before the close of the session and cripples the work of the association, it is advised that each church send a full delegation under instructions to stay until the close of the association, and for each delegate to report back to the church whether they attended and stayed through the session. If any delegate appointed fail to attend and stay during the session, for the church at the next session to try to get some one that will attend the full session.—By Moderator.

On motion by D. P. Bridges that this association do adjourn by singing and extending the parting hand to each other, after which W. C. Wilson dismissed the association.

N. S. HAMPTON, MOD.

D. BUCHANAN, CLERK.

STANDING COMMITTES

Order of Business—J. W. P. Hill, D Buchanan.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. W. P. Hill.
State, Home and Foreign Missions—D P Bridges.
Education—J W P Hill.
Temperance—G W McGuire.
Obituaries—W W Pyatte.
Periodicals—R N Cardwell.
Orphanage—S C Braswell.
Hospitals—N A Buchanan.
Resolutions—R M Green.
Sunday Schools— Dewey Johnson.
State of Churches—D P Bridges, R T Lewis.
Place and Preacher—Lewis Reid.
Finance—J G Buchanan.
B Y P U—W W Braswell.

W. M. U. TABLE

CHURCH	NAME	PRES. & P. O.	No. Members	75-Million	Other Benev	TOTAL
Newland	W. M. U.	Mrs J. S. Matherly, Newland	16	30.59	6.40	36.99
Newland	Sunbeams	Mas J. W. P. Hill, Newland	28	3 90		
Pleasant Valley	Sunbeams	Mrs S. M. Presnell, Elk Park				6 02

B. Y. P. U. TABLE

CHURCH	PRES. & P. O.	No. Unions	No. Members	Bible Readers
Aaron	Miss Bula Braswel, Montazuma	1	5	15
Pleasant Valley	Luther McGuire	1	40	

TABLE I.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	TOTAL
Aaron	D. R. Kilgore	Mentezuma	H. F. Ledford	Montezuma	2-4	6000	8	3	..	..	3	....	..	115
Beech Mtn	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	Roy McGuire	Dark Ridge	1	500	14	3			2	2		227
Big Meadows	J S Pyatte	Nebo	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	4	2000								124
Bell View	J W Whitaker	Johnson City	M A Gouge	Cranberry	1	500	4	4			1			51
Crossnore	J W P Hill	Newland	Enoch Cornett	Pineola		2000	13				1		3	156
Cranberry	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Hugh McCrary		1						5		1	91
Chestnutdale	D R Kilgore	Montezuma	S J Hughs	Hughs	1	3000	3							104
Elk Park	J W P Hill	Newland	Mrs B M Hamrick,	Elk Park	4	3500	3	7						33
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Vilas	D T Bailiff	Memory	3	1000		1				2		99
Flat Springs	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	J W Green	Whaley	4		9		1	3	3			86
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pineola	J P Grindstaff	Lotta	4	1000					4		2	94
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	"	C C Shell	Jonas Ridge	1	500	27	7	1		2			114
Minneapolis	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis		1500	10	2			1			112
Newland	J W P Hill	Newland	J M Gragg	Newland	1-3	5500		10				1		97
Oak Grove	L W Hall	Minneapolis	M B Vance	"	3	1500	37	5					1	86
PleasantHill	J W Whitaker	Johnson City.	L A Ollis	Frank	1	2500	13			1	3	29	1	195
Powdermill	D A Green	Butler, Tenn.	Tom Green	Senia	1									32
Pleas'ntValley	N S Hampton	Pineola	Luther McGuire	Heaton	2	500					7	6	4	136
Roaring Creek	L W Sudderth	Montezuma	J G Hughs	Valley		800	9			2			2	100
Yellow Mtn.	J W P Hill		H R Buchanan,	Spear	4	1000	8				1	1		82

TABLE II.-FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	S. S. and B.Y.P.U.	Local Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Home Total	75 Million Undes.	Home Missions	As. Miss'n	Orphan-age	Hospitals	TOTAL
Aaron	500.00			24.00	19.00	80.00										623.00
Beech Mtn.	60.40	30.00	24.00		9.25	8.08		1.50		133.23	4.00					137.23
Big Meadows	110.00			75.00		34.00		75								220.75
Bell View	96.25							55						1.00		97.80
Cranberry	150.00							1 25			5.00	1.00				97 80
Crossnore	150.00	3.25	33.33	150.00	5.00	55.00		3 75			22 50					744 58
Chestnutdale	277.50			18.76	8.00			2 00								306 78
Elk Park	150.00			20.00	59.00	14.65		3 00								243.65
Elk Valley	69.50		33.00		1.50	10.00		2 00								116 00
Flat Springs	67.50				1.72	15.84	5.70	2 00			15 25					113.04
Green Valley	112.00		20.00			15.58	30.00	2 45		180.03	8 00				3 12	191 15
Jonas Ridge	127.00		35.00	10.00	2.00	18.00		1 65	35.00	208 65	2 40			5.25		236 20
Minneapolis	136.70		94.22		2.00			1 35		234 87	13 00			17 13		265 00
Newland	400.00		164.00	99.50	30.00	30.00	15.00	5.00	45.00	788.50	90 00			12.00		890.50
Oak Grove	180.00			131.00		20.00		1 05								332 05
Pleasant Hill	220.73		16.00	80.00	24.50	40.00	45.00	3 00		429 08	2 25			23 00		454 40
Powdermill	28.93		11.			10.		1 00								22 00
Pleas'ntValley	70.00		16.00		24.00	23.56	20.00	2 85	7.60				.93			164 54
Roaring Creek	75.00		42.00	800.00		15.00	25.00	1 00		958 00						958 00
Yellow Mtn	169.70		75.00		10.00	28.00		2 00			3 10					277 82

TABLE III.- SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5	Primaay 6 to 8	Junior 9 to 12	Intermediate 13 to 16	Senior-Adult 17 and up	Home Dept.	TOTAL
Aaron	W. W. Braswell	Montezuma	Thelma Hays	Montezuma	11	20	13	....	28	42	....	114
Beech Mtn	T F Cook	Dark Ridge	Grace Church	Dark Ridge	8	12	6	17	16	8		77
Big Meadows	Mrs L W Johnson	Pyatte	J L Pyatte	Pyatte								
Bell View	Jess Cook	Minneapolis	Rety Gouge	Cranberry	4	15	15	14	12			70
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Salen Johnson	Crossnore	13	15	1o	18	17	50		
Cranberry	No S. S.											
Chestnutdale	W M Wright	Hughs										
Elk Park	C S Carroll	Elk Park	C S Carroll									
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Memory	Annie Eller	Memory	6	10	12	10	16	24		78
Flat Springs	R M Green	Whaley	Lina Green	Whaley	7	10	12	10	16	13		67
Green Valley	R L Hall	Spruce Pine	Floretta Hall	Spruce Pine	6	11	6	17		16		56
Jonas Ridge	M E Shell	Jonas Ridge	Loyed Barrier	Jonas Ridge	8		25	25	2o	35		108
Minneapolis	V W Green	Minneapolis	Edgar Green	Minneapolis	6	15		2o	1o	15		66
Newland	B D Franklin	Newland	Pearl Hughs	Newland	1o							1oo
Oak Grove	M B Vance	Newland	Maura Green	Newland	5	12	18	1o	15	2o		8o
Pleasant Hill	Ed W Buchanan	Frank	Lucy Cooper	Frank	17							15o
Powdermill	Claude Stafford	Senia	Amel Stafford	Senia	6							
Pleas'nt Valley	Luther McGuire	Heaton	Plato Hicks	Elk Park	9	14	12	11	19	15	16	96
Roaring Creek	C J Oaks	Valley	Zora Hughs	Valley	8	15	15	15	12	15	2o	1oo
Yellow Mtn.	Paul Buchanan	Spear	Arnold Wiseman,	Spear	8							8o

Miscellaneous S. S. Table

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CHURCH	Is School Graded?	Is School Standard?	No. Normal Diplomas	Baptism From School	Home Contributions	Orphanage, Missions etc	Total Contributions
Aaron	Yes	Yes	4	6	80.00		80.00
Beech Mtn.							8.08
Big Meadows							34.00
Bell View							
Cranberry							
Crossnore			10				
Chestnutdale							
Elk Park					28.73		28.73
Elk Valley							
Flat Springs	Yes		2				15.84
Green Valley			1	8	12.46	3.12	15.58
Jonas Ridge				27	5.00		5.00
Minneapolis				10	25.15	16.30	40.45
Newland			6		30.00	30.00	60.00
Oak Grove							
Pleasant Hill				13	40.00	25.25	65.25
Powdermill							
Pleas'nt Valley					9.50	.93	10.43
Roaring Creek							
Yellow Mtn.					28.00	2.60	30.60

Church Treasurers and Post Offices

Aaron Mrs. J. W. Hays, Montezuma.— Bell View Rety Gouge.— Crossnore W W Benfield, Crossnore.— Chestnutdale S Hoffman, Hughs.— Elk Park Mrs B M Hamrick.— Flat Springs R M Green, Whaley.— Green Valley R L Hall, Spruce Pine.— Jonas Ridge C. C Shell.— Minneapolis W W Pyatte.-- Newland D P Bridges.— Oak Grove J J Parker, Newland.— Pleasant Hill Ed W Buchanan. — Powdermill Hiram Osborn, Senia.— Pleasant Valley W L Cook, Elk Park.— Roaring Creek N V Hughs, Valley.— Yellow Mountain T J Green, Spear

Following are the names of the delegates from Crossnore Church. The report from that church was not sent in before the roll of delegates was put in type.— Printer.

P. L. Johnson, W W Benfield, Miss Clark, Miss L. Franklin S Vance

MINUTES
AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1924.

The Avery County Sunday School Convention met with Big Meadows Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1924, it being the 25th day, at 10:00 a. m. and the following proceedings were had:

Devotional services were conducted by W. W. Braswell, after which the election of officers was gone into and resulted as follows:

Chairman, Rev. N. S. Hampton.

Secretary, W. W. Braswell.

The roll of Sunday-schools was called and homes assigned the delegates.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. P. Hill of Newland, text, 2nd Corinthians 5: 17, "If Christ be in you, ye are a new creature." A very interesting and impressive sermon with vivid and lasting illustrations.

Letters were called for and received.

Convention adjourned to 1 :30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

P. L. Johnson conducted the devotion.

The Chairman appointed a reading Clerk, J. L. Pyatte, and called for the reading of the letters, which were read from the following Sunday-schools: Aaron, Big Meadows, Crossnore, Ghestnut Dale, Green Valley, Mount Pleasant, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill and Yellow Mountain.

The following committees were appointed:

Program: J W P Hill, Chm., Newland, J L Pyatte, Pyatte, Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis.

Finance: W W Benfield, Vester Stafford, L W Hall.

Resolutions: J W P Hill, L W Hall, J L Pyatte.

Time and Place: Ed W Buchanan, Vester Stafford, W W Pyatte, D M Phillips, P L Johnson.

The Pastor's Conference called and convened, led by Rev. Mr. Hill. Ideas were exchanged and a very profitable hovr was devoted to the pastors.

A program for Field Organization of the Sunday-school was out-

lined and adopted. The territory was divided as follows:

1 Beech Mountain and Flat Springs.

2 Pleasant Hill:—Minneapolis, Bell View, Powder Mill, Roaring Creek, Cranberry, Yellow Mountain, Chestnutdale, Henson Creek.

3 Elk Park and Pleasant Valley.

4 Crossnore:— Jonas Ridge, Big Meadows, Mt. Pleasant.

5 Aaron: — Newland, Oak Grove.

Very interesting talks on the field organization were made by Bros Hill, Hampton, Hall, Thorn, and Ed Buchanan.

Solo was rendered by Rev. Mr. Thorn, "The Home Far Away."

The Convention adjourned till Saturday July 26th 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1924

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and the following proceedings were had, Viz:—

Several fine songs were rendered by different classes, which were very much appreciated by the audience.

Devotional services were conducted by Miss Bertha Parker, by reading a passage from II. Timothy, 2 chapter 1st to 15th verse and and making some excellent remarks on same.

Prayer by Rev. N. S. Hampton.

Minutes of Friday's session read and approved.

Roll of delegates called and resulted as follows:

Aaron—W. W. Braswell, Ray Braswell.

Big Meadows—J L Pyatte, D M Phillips, S M Carpenter.

Crossnore—W W Benfield, P L Johnson, Colman Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Franklin.

Chestnutdale—Elisha Holtsclaw, D S Huffman, Coza Johnson, Dona Carpenter.

Green Valley—Rheuben Ollis, Ruth Weatherman, Lotta Weatherman, Ada Ollis, Mae Weatherman, Mrs Dock Ollis, Mebel Weatherman.

Mount Pleasant—Arthur Vance, Dock Carpenter, Mrs Rhoda Carpenter.

Minneapolis—W W Pyatte.

Oak Grove—Bertha Parker, Laura Greene, Hollie Biggs, Mamie Parker.

Pleasant Hill—Myrtle Miller, Frank Hicks, Nola Hicks, Anna Ollis.

Yellow Mountain—Vester Stafford, Cordie Stafford.

Report of Committee on Time and Place:

We the Committee on Time and Place beg to submit the following:

The Minneapolis Baptist Church having requested the Convention to meet with it for two consecutive years, we feel that it should have the next Convention to meet beginning on Friday before the the fourth Sunday in July 1925. Respt. submitted.

P. L. Johnson and Com.

The report was adopted as offered.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, We see great need of specially trained workers in the Kingdom work of our Lord and Master, Be it resolved:

1st That the pastors and churches co-operate in forming fields and establishing a school to train workers somewhere in the association.

2nd That we, the body, of the Avery Sunday School Convention tender a rising vote of thanks to the people of Big Meadows Church and community for the kindness shown the convention.

3rd Resolved that we express our appreciation to the classes for their splendid singing.

J. W. P. Hill, L. W. Hall, J. L. Pyatte, Com.

Report of Finance Committee:

We your Committee on Finance wish to submit the following rept: Minute funds:

Pleasant Hill	$1.00	Big Meadows	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00	Crossnore	1.00
Yellow Mountain	1.00	Newland	1.00
Green Valley	1.00	Aaron	1.00
	Total,		$8.00

We your Committee recomend that we try to raise funds during this convention to have special blanks printed to make the reports to the next convention on.

W. W. Benfield
L. W. Hall } Com
Vester Stafford

Spoken on by W. W. Braswell and Bro. J. W. P. Hill and a public offering accepted by the Committee of $4.00. Grand total $12.00

Singing.

Sermon by Rev. L. W. Hall. Text, Luke 16: 10. Subject: "The unjust Steward".

Convention adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

Dinner was served on the church grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mrs. Dock Ollis led in a very fluent prayer.

The topic of, "How to Get and Keep the Masses in Sunday-school," was taken up and discussed in an informal way by several.

N. S. Hampton, Chm.

W. W. Braswell, Secy.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

14th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

CHESTNUTDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 20 & 21,

1925

The next session to be held at Green Valley Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August,

1926

Rev. L. W. Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

14th ANNUAL SESSION

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August 20-21, 1925.

The Avery County Baptist Association met with Chestnutdale Baptist church Aug. 20, 1925 at 10, a. m. The Moderator read and commented on Gal. 5 chap. Prayer by D. A. Greene.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by J. W. P. Hill. Text, Matt. 16: 18. He preached an able sermon. Prayer led by L. W. Hall, after which election of officers entertained: N. S. Hampton Moderator, Ed W. Buchanan Clk.

Letters called for and the following received:—

Aaron, Big Meadows, Beech Mountain, Bellview, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Cranberry, Elk Valley, Flat Springs, Green Valley, Henson Creek, Jonas Ridge, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Newland, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Powdermill, Roaring Creek, Mt Pleasant, and Yellow Mountain.

Visiting brethren invited and the following responded: R. T. Teague, our new Supt. Pub. Ins., A. P. Sorrels of Green River Asso., J. N. Barnett of the Sunday School Board.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTER NOON

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Choir sang O, How I Love Jesus.

The following committees were appointed:--

State, Home and Foreign Missions: D. P. Bridges, A C Hamby, V W Green.

Education: J W P Hill, R T Teague, N A Buchanan.

Temperance: G W McGuire, L W Hall, H S Burleson.

Obituaries: W W Pyatte, L G Reid, J G Hughes.

Periodicals: R N Cardwell, A P Sorrels, W M Wright.

Orphanage: R T Teague, A C Hamby, D A Greene.

Hospitals: N A Buchanan, R T Lewis, N M Johnson.

Resolutions: R T Teague, C T Hicks.

Sunday Schools: Dewey Johnson, J N Barnett, L McGuire.

State of Churches: R T Lewis, L W Hall.

Place and Preacher: L G Reid, Dock Wetherman, E O Pyatte.

Finance: J G Buchanan, J W Taylor, V B Hicks.

Nominations: H S Burleson, D P Bridges, Billie Buchanan, R L Hall, B F McGuire.

Report on Sunday Schools called for.

Discussed by J. N. Barnett and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is the teaching part of the church. Then first we should prepare a place suitable to teach.

Second, we should enlarge our organization to take care of everybody and we should train our teachers that they can rightly teach the Word of Truth. We should use our Bibles in the Sunday-school.

Lets try to add at least 500 new pupils in our association and take the standard of excellency as our ideal. Respt.

J. N. Barnett, Luther McGuire, A. P. Sorrels, Com.

Report on Periodicals called for and received. Dis. by A.P.Sorels

PERIODICALS

Information is essential to success in all things. If we as Baptist people succeed in fulfiling our mission we must inform our people.

First, we should know and obey the Bible.

Second, we should know as much as possible about the work being done and the work needed doing. There is a stream of information flowing in reach of all our people. Sunday-school literature includes Kind Words, Charity and Children, Home & Foreign Fields, and Biblical Recorder. These are all good reading matter and bring an abundance of information to those who read them. We urge all Baptists to take and read the Recorder. R. N. Cardwell, W. M. Wright, A. P. Sorrels, } Com

R. T. Teague suggests that we in co-operation with the State and Sunday School Board employ an Enlistment Worker for our county. On motion J. W. P. Hill was appointed for this year and that we raise $100. for same.

Report on Temperance read by L. W. Hall. Discussed by him. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.— I. Cor. 9th 25.

Paul, through inspiration, wisdom and observation, saw fit to give this admonition to the Corinthian brethren. All down the ages there has been a mania for excessive indulgence in the things that will demoralize, weaken and poison the human mind, body and intellect. We feel this is the time to broadcast the warning, to shun the ten thousand things that hurry you on from one fancy to another, until your life is marred, weakened and blighted, the vigor of manhood, the joy of old age is lost, you become a candidate for an early grave.

It was once thought that intoxicating liquors about covered the field of intemperance, but since the law has made it hot for the bootlegger, this craze for intemperance has turned into other channels perhaps as destructive as the original.

In this fast age the devil has invented things for quick and decisive work. We see the promising boy yet in his teens, as he blights his young life by smoking cigarettes, and inhaling the poisonous nicotine. And the fair sex are not exempt from the fashions and fancies that tend to weaken their lives and marr their usefulness as good Christian mothers in setting good examples for their daughters. The snuff box, lip stick and face powder have been resorted to to supply the wasted strength and faded beauty of our daughters.

The night craze for parties and car rides which brings many of our young people to a low ebb in character, should be guarded against by every Christian father and mother.

G. W. McGuire
L. W. Hall } Com
H. S. Burleson

Report on B. Y. P. U. Read by J. W. P. Hill. Discussed by him and Paul Caudill. Report adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the wnrd of truth." 1 Tim. 2: 15 was not spoken to Timothy alone, but to every young or old person who is called to work. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. If our young men and women are trained in the Kingdom work while young they have their lives before them for active and useful service. Then why not put them into service for the Master, and show the young workers that the church needs every one of them.

The B.Y.P.U. does three things for her members:

1. Trains them in doctrinal subjects;
2. Trains them in missionary activities;
3. Trains them in systematic work.

We, your committee, recommend that every church in the association organize a Union for the purpose of enlarging the work of the Kingdom, and to give the young people the right kind of social training.

W. W. Braswell, J. W. P. Hill, J. H. Hicks.

Adjourned till 9: 30 a. m. Friday.

Second Day.

Opened by singing. Prayer by E. N. Gardner.

Brethren Paul Caudill and E. N. Gardner were welcomed to seats as visitors with us.

Report on Woman's Work read and adopted. Discussed by J. W. P. Hill and E. N. Gardner.

WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. U. is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention

The officers are, the President, Vice President, Sect'y. and Treasurer. Any one may become a member by contributing regularly each month and attending as many meetings as possible.

Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be my witnesses, Mark 16: 15, Acts 1: 8 should be the watchword.

The chief aims of the W. M. U. are as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Bible Study.
3. Mission Study.
4. Enlistment and Training for Service.
5. Organized Personal Service: Soul-winning.
6. Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Who would not like to join hands and hearts in a W. M. S. and work out these things for our Master?

After we will have organized, let as many of the members as possible subscribe for "Royal Service", the adopted magazine, which has an interesting study each month on missions.

In the last year the Woman's Work has doubled, one society reporting last year, two this year. Let us make for our goal next year five Societies, active and $100.00 for missions.

Let us all join hands, hearts and prayers and work mightily for the One who said, Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel.

Mrs. J. W. P. Hill,
Sarah Pyatt.

Report on State of Churches. Read and adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee respectfully submit the following report:

No new churches reported.

Last year 19 churches reported a total membership of 2,018; this year 19 churches reported a membership of 1,982.

Last year 19 churches paid pastors' salaries $3,001.28; this year 19 churches paid pastors $2,525.18, an average to the church $138.34

Last year 19 churches reported 145 baptisms; this year 19 churches report 90 baptisms.

Last year 19 churches reported total financial expenses, exclusive of pastors' salaries, $2,361.03; this year 19 churches reported total financial expenses, exclusive of pastors' salaries, $2,716.19.

Last year year 18 churches out of 19 reported Sunday-schools;this

year 18 churches out of 19 reported Sunday-schools.

Three churches report Woman's Missionary Societies

Three churches report B. Y. P. U. Societies.

We, your committee, recommend that each church in this association that has no B. Y. P. U. society organize one at the earliest day possible, so that our young people may be better trained for Christian work than the older ones are now.

R. T. Lewis,
L. W. Hall, } Com

Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions read by D. P. Bridges Discussed by A. C. Hamby and D. P. Bridges and adopted.

MISSIONS,-- STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN

The word missions means sending. Sending messengers with the gospel tidings. These good tidings are to cover the whole earth. Our job is unfinished till this is done.

God called Abraham and sent him out into a strange land. He said to him, "I will bless thee and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The way he was to bless men was by teaching them of the true God and of his righteousness.

God said again to him: "And thou shalt be a blessing." God said to Judah through Zechariah: "So will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing."

When we come to the New Testament times, Jesus emphasizes this great idea, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and low I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This is our only task. Let us bend every energy to carry the starving millions the bread of life.

D. P. Bridges, A. C. Hamby, V. W. Greene.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

SECOND DAY,— Afternoon.

Opened by singing.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following:

Ever since our fore father and mother, Adam and Eve, transgressed God's laws in the garden, death has been abroad in the land, because sin and disobedience brought about death. God created man in his own image, but man has, to some extent, lost the image of God

After the fall of man sin abounded in the world. God looked down and saw the state which the world was in. It grieved God that he He had made man, so heaven was searched and the earth

was searched for one who was able to redeem the world but none was found able except the blessed Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, took upon himself a body like unto ours, only sin excepted, Christ grew up as we, only He was a child which was obedient to his Heavely Father, also his earthly parents. When his time was accomplished which God ordained, He tasted death for all.

In our association in the last year we have lost 20 members.

Oh that when we are called to die may we say as one of old: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

J. G. Hughes, C. G. Reid.

Report on Orphanage read by R. T. Teague. Discussed by E. N. Gardner, R. T. Teague, N. S. Hampton, E. O. Pyatt, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: 'To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep him self unspotted from the world' ".

Low indeed is a person in the scale of life when the needs of the hungry, the wail of the widow, or the cry of a child do not at once enlist the sympathy of his heart. The real test of Christianity is that we answer with our means the needs of those in distress. Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me." If we fail to answer these needy calls, the same Jesus says that "we shall go away into everlasting punishment."

We are proud of the fact that the Baptists of North Carolina have homes for the orphans of the State equal to any. We rejoice in the strong personalities and loving touch of those in charge of this work. We thank Gad for having planted this work in our hearts. May we never falter in this humane task.

The needs of these 500 children in the homes and the hundred others being helped demand that we increase our contributions to this object. We recomend that each Sunday-school take a monthly collection for this work, and place a copy of Charity and Children in each Baptist home; and that each church take a special Thanksgiving collection for this object urging each person to contribute at least the income of one day.

R. T. Teague, A. C. Hamby, D. A. Green, Com.

The Report on Hospitals read and adopted.

HOSPITALS

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital located at Winston, is the youngest institution of the Baptist State Convention. During its brief period of existence there have been about 400 patients treated free who were not financially able to take treatment, and a number

of otheas have been treated at a low cost. The purpose of this institution is to give to our people the advantage of hospital service under religious influences at the lowest possible cost.

We ask that all our churches make at least two offerings during the next year for this great institution. R. T. Lewis
N. A. Buchanan.

Report on Education read. Discussed by R. T. Teague and Paul Caudill.

EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schools. The value of a school depends upon its ideals. The ideals of a school have their highest worth only as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education.

To this end, North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women — Meredith at Raleigh, and Chowan, at Murfreesboro. From last reports, Wake Forest enrolled 1171 students— 701 of whom were in the regular session, including 93 ministerial students and 4 volunteers for the Foreign Fields; the two women colleges enrolled together 584, including 20 student volunteers. The combined property value of the three, including plants, equipment and endowments is $3,545,071.00.

We also maintain two junior colleges, for both sexes— Mars Hill, at Mars Hill, and Wingate at Wingate. These two enrolled 782 pupils, including 68 ministerial students and 30 student volunteers. Their property value was $433,940.

Our two high schools are Buie's Creek and Boiling Springs, enrolling 1018 pupil, including 356 pupils in grades 1 to 7 at Buie's Creek. This includes 65 ministerial students and 23 student volunteers. Their property value is $361,340.00. We also have 149 high school students in Thomasville Orphanage.

So the Baptist high schools and colleges in this State, owned and controlled by Associations and the State Convention, enrolled 3,704 students, including 226 ministerial students and 97 mission volunteers and own property worth $4,.40,301.00.

In addition to these institutions, our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, maintains 6 high schools, which enrolldd 972 pupils, and are worth $431,118.00. Their student bodies include 43 ministerial students and 8 student volunteers. So the total number of students enrolled in our North Carolina Baptist schools was 4,675, with 269 ministerial students and 105 student volunteers. And their total property value was $4,771,469.00.

South-wide institutions in which we have a part include the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky; the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. These institutions altogether enrolled 1186 pupils, and their property is valued at $4,249,881.00. It is for the maintenance of these institutians, State and South-wide, that our Education Board is laboring. Since 1900, Baptist Schools in the South have increased from 65 to 118, students from 11,130 to 38,000, property and endowment from 7½ million to 40 million.

While the $5,000,000,00, in round numbers, which we have invested in school property in this state seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State Schools: the value of either of the plants of the two leading institutions supported by the State, is equal to the value of our 13 institutions including their endowment; and the few thousands which we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared with the State's annual appropriation to her high schools, colleges and universities. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support about 200 of our 374 young ministerial and missinary students which are being trained in them; on these we expend about $15,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than deminish for the future, for the following reasons:

1st. Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank along with those of the State in the cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2nd. Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come from our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, meanes a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3rd. Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground, and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all knowledge and all science to God Almighty.

4th. The denominational schools emphasize not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

Our institutions are rendering service to the denomination, 1. by requiring all of the students to study the Bible; 2. by providing for active participation in Sunday-school work; 3. by providing classes for the training of Sunday-school workers and 4 by providing for active work in the B. Y. P. U. In short, it may be said, without fear of successful contradiction, that they are providing an environment and an atmosphere wherein the personality of the individual boy or girl has full opportunity of growing into well-rounded manhood and womanhood.

J. W. P. Hill, N. A. Buchanan, R. T. Teague.

Report on Place and Preacher read and adopted.

PLACE and PREACHER

We your Committee on Place and Preacher submit the following report:

That the next session of the Avery County Association meet with the Green Valley Baptist church, begining on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1926, and that Bro. L. W. Hall preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. Reid Ch., E. O. Pyatte, D. T. Weatherman.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Sunday-school Convention be printed with Associational minutes.

2. That the churches in the association join heartily with Bro. J. W. P. Hill in the enlistment work given him and make contributions for its support.

3. That the thanks of this body be extended to the good people of Chestnutdale for their loyal support and generous hospitality.

R. T. Teague, C. T. Hicks, Com.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We nominate the following:

Executive Committee, Rev. N. S. Hampton, Ed Buchanan, Rev. L. W. Hall, J. G. Buchanan, R. T. Lewis, Mrs. J. W. P. Hill, R. T. Teague, R. N. Cardwell, Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. Doc Ollis, Newbern Johnson.

For Director of B. Y. P. U. work, Wallace Buchanaan.
Delegates to State Convention, Rev. N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, Rufus Johnson.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. W. P. Hill.
Correspondents: Mitchell H. S. Burleson.
Stony Fork, N. S. Hampton.
Yancy, ...
Three Forks, ...
Trustee Yancey Col. Inst., R. T. Lewis.
H. S. Burleson, D.P. Bridges, B.F. McGuire, Billie Buchanan.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

FINANCE

We your committee on Finance report as follows:
Received from the different churches :

Minute Funds,	$31.96
For Missions,	3.70
For Orphanage,	17.50
Total,	$54.29 [Like copy.]

Two churches did not report.

We find that the association is due for minute funds $2 24 for 1924, and we recommend that this amount be raised at this association
We also recommend that our clerk be paid $8.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted. J. G. Buchanan, J. W. Taylor, V. B. Hicks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Brethren: — I herewith submit my annual report as follows:

Received from finance com. for printing the 1924 minutes,	$37.35	
From S. S. Convention,	8.00	
		$45.35

This amount not being sufficient to meet all expenses, I asked the churches to pay more as the association advised me, and received from the churches as follows:
Aaron $2.50, Cranberry 1.00, Chestnutdale .50, Elk Valley .75, Jonas Ridge .75; $6.50
Total received, $51.85

Postage,	$ 1.74	
Due Clerk for 1923,	6.25	
Fees allowed,	8.00	
	38.25	= 54.29
		51.85
Balance due,		$ 2.34

D. Buchanan.

Standing Committees

Order of Business: Prof. R. T. Teague, L. M. Hall, Ed Buchanan.
Woman's Work: Mrs. J. W. P. Hill.
State, Home & Foreign Missions: J. W. P. Hill.
Education: R. T. Lewis.
Temperance: L. G. Reid.
Obituaries: John Hicks.
Periodicals: E. P. Bridges.
Orphanage: V. W. Green.
Hospitals: H. M. Horney.
Resolutions: Luther McGuire.
Sunday Schools: L. W. Hall.
State of Churches: H. S. Burleson.
Place and Preacher: E. O. Pyatte.
Finance: J. G. Buchanan.
B. Y. P. U. : Wallace Buchanan.

Roll of Delegates

Aaron—J. G. Buchanan, Edgar Pritchett, Harlen Ledford.
Beech Mountain—B. F. McGuire.
Big Meadows—D. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pyatte.
Belview—Henry Hoilman.
Crossnore—N. W. Johnson.
Cranberry—Mrs. Clyde Green, Gertie Pitman, Mrs. Steven Staton.
Chestnutdale—W Holtsclaw, Mary Braswell, W M Wright, D S Hoffman.
Elk Valley—H M Horney.
Flat Springs—S M Green, J L Green.
Green Valley—R L Hall, Mrs Dock Ollis, D L Wetherman, Mrs Fritz Hall.
Jonas Ridge—Ed Barrier, J D Clark, L G Reid.
Minneapolis—J W Taylor, V W Green, R T Lewis, Ed Green, J A Harmon.

The association closed by singing "I Am Going Home to Die No More," and a general hand-shake.

N. S. HAMPTON, Moderator.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

Roll of Delegates- Continued.

Newland—R. T. Teague, D. P. Bridges.
Oak Grove—Arthur Ledford.
Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, N A Buchanan. Ed Hughes, E L Ollis, G C Buchanan, Billie Buchanan.
Pleasant Valley—W P Hicks, L McGuire.
Powder Mill—Claud Stafford, R L Buchanan.
Yellow Mtn—Vester Stafford, D Buchanan.
Roaring Creek—J G Hughes.
Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson, Arthur Vance.
Henson Creek—Wesley Houston.

B. Y. P. U.

Church	President & Post Office	Senior Unions	No. Enrolled	Bible Readers	Total Givers
Aaron	Harlen Ledford, Montezuma	1	50	25	35
Crossnore	Blanch Johnson, Crossnore	1			
Minneapolis	W R Buchanan, Minneapolis	1	50	20	25
Newland	Miss Margaret Teague,	1	32		
Pleasant Hill	Miss Lucy Cooper, Frank	1	35	30	

W. M. U.

Church	President & Post Office	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Gifts to local Church work	To Missions&c	Total Gifts
Aaron	Mrs Belle Sudderth, Montezuma	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis	Blanch Johnson, Crossnore		25			
Newland	Mrs S B Lacy, Newland	18		10.00	31.95	41.95
Pleasant Hill	Maggie Ollis, Frank, N C		30			
" Valley	Mrs S M Presnell, Elk Park		30			

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	TOTAL
Aaron	D.R.Kilgore	Montezuma	Elmer Pritchet	Montezuma	2-4	6000	....	....	..	....	....	..	1	115
Beech Mtn	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	Roy McGuire	Dark Ridge	4	1000	9			1	4		2	231
Big Meadows	M L Buchanan	Spruce Pine	E O Pyatte	Pyatte	4	2000		3			3		2	121
Belview	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	M A Gouge	Cranberry	1	500	4	3			3	2	1	24
Crossnore	J W P Hill	Newland	N W Johnson	Crossnore	1	2500		1			4		2	143
Cranberry	J H Henline	Spruce Pine	Hazel McCoury	Cranberry	1		12	13		2	10			98
Chestnutdale	L W Hall	Minneapolis	S J Hughes	Hughes	1	3000		1			3			96
Elk Park	J W P Hill	Newland	C Carol	Elk Park			No report							
Elk Valley	G W Trivett	Vilas	D T Bailiff	Memory	2	1000	7	2			2			106
Flat Springs	D A Greene	Butler, Tenn	J W Greene	Whaley	4	800	1	2	2		2	1	4	84
Green Valley	N S Hampton	Pinola	J P Grindstaff	Lotta	4	1000	3	4					1	100
Henson Creek	J Y Sparks	Ledger	L S Vance	Spear	3	600	4		5			1	1	41
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	Pinola	L C Shell	Jonas Ridge	1	500					1		1	111
Minneapolis	D A Greene	Butler, Tenn.	W W Pyatte	Minneapolis	3	1500	14	8	1		1	2	2	100
Mt Pleasant	N S Hampton	Pinola	H S Burleson	Hughes	3	350							2	48
Newland	J W P Hill	Newland	J M Gragg	Newland	1-3	13000	3	11					1	108
Oak Grove	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Bertha Parker	Newland	3	500	3	1			1		1	46
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker	Johnson City	L A Ollis	Frank	1	2500	16	8	3		3		1	218
" Valley	N S Hampton	Pinola	L McGuire	Elk Park	2	500	7		3			10		136
Powder Mill	M L Buchanan	Spruce Pine	Tom Greene	Senia	4	450	6		2					40
Roaring Creek	W B Mull	Valdese	J D Hughes	Valley	2	1000	4		4		3		2	103
Yellow Mtn	L W Hall	Minneapolis	Vester Stafford	Spear	4	800					5	1	1	75

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	S S and B Y P U	Local Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Home Total	Co-op Program	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	TOTAL
Aaron	$123.50			500.00	43.00	91.27				624.00				15.00		649.27
Beech Mtn	122.90	8.60	38.50	25.00		4.95		2.67		202.65	12.00			2.00		261.65
Big Meadows	110.00		26.50	100.00		39.07		1.55		277 57						277 57
Belview	65.00	10.00			5.00	30.00		1.50		102.50				5.00		107.50
Crossmore	200.00				7.00	75.00			58.00	340.00	44.00					384.00
Cranberry			71.00					1.00		72.00						72.00
Chestnutdale	186.00					16.00	8.17	1.50	1.55	211.00	10.75					221.75
Elk Park	No report.															
Elk Valley	74.00		21.50		7.00	12.00		2.10	5.00	121.60	1.70			17.56		140.86
Flat Springs	49.19	1.70			5.00	12.00		2.00		69 89						69 89
Green Valley	114.09		46.49				4.00	2.50		167 00			9 00	13 83	28 00	217 83
Henson Creek	17.06	17.01								34 07						34 07
Jonas Ridge	144.00	35.25	19.45	6.50	6.50	28.00	15.00	1.60		244.70	35.35			24.50		304.55
Minneapolis	86.90		51.91			26.00	8.29	1.50		174.57			2.70	13.28		190.08
Mt Pleasant	30.00					6.00		1.00		37.00						37.00
Newland	432.02		102.00		45.60		50.25	6.00	50.00	685.27	45.60	4.52	16.00	32 50	17 50	954.30
Oak Grove	105.00							1.00		106 00				7 00		113 00
Pleasant Hill	178.90	13.00	38.50	190.50	10.00	54.50	7.50	3.00		495 40				18 00		503 40
" Valley	111.00	17.00	26.70		1.00	11.36	50.00	.70	7.00	224 73	9.91	1.45	1.45	1 00	2.06	240 60
Powder Mill	73.26		18.70	42.20		12.25		.50		146.67						146 67
Roaring Creek	186.86		11.40	200 00	7.00	7.00	5.50	1.70	90.00	509 46						509 46
Yellow Mtn	100.00				25.00			1.81		126 80						126 80

TABLE III.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT	P. O.	SEC.	P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5	Primary 6 to 7	Junior 9 to 12	Intermediate 13 to 16	Adult 17 & up	Home Department	TOTAL
Aaron	Harlan Ledford,	Montezuma	Thelma Hayes,	Montezuma	10	25	.....	12	16	35	6	106
Beech Mtn.	J R Church	Dark Ridge	D C Cook	Whaley	8	8	7	9	13	12		57
Big Meadow	E O Pyatte	Pyatte	Burnie Pyatte	Pyatte	9	25	15	12	30	30		124
Belview	Jess Cook	Minneapolis	Sylus Thomas	Cranberry	9	10	10	15	21	10		67
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Crossnore	Florence Johnson	Crossnore	15	10	15	20	25	50		135
Cranberry	No data											
Chestnutdale	W Holtsclaw	Hughes	Cozy Johnson	Hughes	7	16	12	18	17			70
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Memory	Hazel Baliff	Banner Elk								
Elk Park	No report											
Flat Springs	R M Greene	Whaley	Lina Greene	Whaley	6	10	12	19	7	14		65
Green Valley	R S Hall	Spruce Pine	D Weatherman	Ingalls	6	10	18	11	12	20		75
Henson Creek	J N Watson	Spear	Stella Dellinger	Spear								
Jonas Ridge	M E Shell	Jonas Ridge	L G Reid	Jonas Ridge	9	16	10	28	30	25		118
Minneapolis	V W Green	Minneapolis	Hope Burleson	Same	8	15		30	12	12		100
Mt Pleasant	H S Burleson	Hughes			6		10	15	12	10		65
Newland	R T Teague				8							106
Oak Grove			Bertha Parker	Newland								
Pleasant Hill	Ed W Buchanan	Minneapolis	Lucy Cooper	Frank	12	27	12	13	26	65		150
" Valley	L McGuire	Elk Park	W P Hicks	Elk Park	8	12	10	64	18	30	25	118
Powder Mill	R L Buchanan	Senia	Tom Green	Senia	5							60
Roaring Creek	C G Oaks	Valley	Zora Hughes	Valley	8	10	14	13	12	11		110
Yellow Mtn.	T J Green	Spear	R Buchanan	Spear	5	10	8	6	15	15		60

Church Treasurers

(No space in Finance Table for them.)

Aaron	Mrs. J. W. Hayes, Mentezuma.
Beech Mtn	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge.
Big Meadows	S. Carpenter, Pyatte.
Belview	Geo. Tolley, Cranberry.
Crossnore	W. W. Benfiield, Crossnore.
Cranberry	Don Buchanan, Cranberry.
Chestnutdale	D S Huffman, Hughes.
Elk Valley	D T Bailiff, Memory.
Elk Park	Mrs B M Hamrick, Elk Park.
Flat Springs	R M Green, Whaley.
Green Valley	R L Hall, Spruce Pine.
Henson Creek	L S Vance, Spear.
Jonas Ridge	M E Shell, Jonas Ridge.
Minneapolis	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis.
Mt Pleasant	H S Burleson, Hughes.
Newland	D P Bridges, Newland.
Oak Grove	Bertha Parker.
Pleasant Hill	Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis.
" Valley	W P Hix, Elk Park.
Powder Mill	Rob McKinney, Senia.
Roaring Creek	N V Hughes, Valley.
Yellow Mtn	Vester Stafford, Spear.

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Avery County Baptist S. S. Convention

July 24—25, 1925.

Avery County Sunday School Convention met with Minneapolis Baptist church at 10 a. m. Opened by singing Sweet Hour of Prayer. Devotional services conducted by R. T. Teague.

Election of officers was gone into which resulted as follows:

N. S. Hampton Chairman; Ed W. Buchanan Secretary.

Letters called for and read.

Sermon by Rev. F. M. Huggins. Text, I. Cor. 3: 9: For we are God's fellow workers. A very interesting and impressional sermon. Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Devotion conducted by N. C. Teague. General conference led by J. N. Barnett. Subject: The Teacher and the Superintendent in the Sunday School.

Adjourned till 8 p. m.

Evening Session.

Devotion. Prayers by J. W. P. Hill and N. C. Teague. Sermon by Rev. A. P. Sorrels. Text, Psalm 24: 1. Theme: Stewardship. He preached an able sermon.

SATURDAY MORNING

Convention met at 9: 30 a. m. Devotion conducted by Prof. Francum. Gommittees were appointed as follows:

Program: R. T. Teague Ch'n., W. W. Pyatte, W. W. Braswell.

Finance: N A Buchanan, J W Taylor, Henry Hoilman.

Resolutions: J W P Hill, V W Green, Luther McGuire.

Time and Place: D P Bridges, J H Hicks, J L Pyatte.

Sermon by N. C. Teague. Theme: A Call to China. Responce: What shall we do with that call? Deferred by a committee to the association. Adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

Afternoon

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by L. W. Hall.

R. T. Teague and L. W. Hall were appointed Reading Clerks, and read letters as follows: Big Meadows, Bellview, Chestnutdale, Oak Grove, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Hill, Green Valley, Mt Pleasant, Roaring Creek, Elk Park, Newland, Minneapolis, Jonas Ridge, and Crossnore.

Shall Avery Standardize her Sunday Schools?

Discussed by J. N. Burnett and others.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received for Minute Fund from

Big Meadows	1.00	Bellview	1.00	Chestnutdale	1 00
Green Valley	1.00	Pleasant Val.	.35	Oak Grove	.50
Pleasant Hill	1.00	Minneapolis	1.00	Newland	1 00

N. A. Buchanan, Ch'n.

Report adopted.

On Time and Place:

Time, on Friday before the last Sunday in July 1926.

Place, Elk Park.

D. P. Bridges, Ch'n.

Report on time and place adopted.

Roll Call of Delegates

Elk Park—Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Cardwell.
Roaring Creek— No delegates.
Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson, Anlee Griffin, Mrs W H Daniels.
Green Valley—Mrs Dock Ollis, Mrs Fritz Hall, R L Hall.
Pleasant Hill—Ed W Buchanan, Lucy Cooper, J H Hix, Mae Hix.
Pleasant Valley—Luther McGuire, W P Hix.
Oak Grove—Bertha Parker, Ethel Nance.
Bellview—Henry Hoilman, Mrs Henry Hoilman.
Chestnutdale—Mary Braswell, Sylvester Huffman.
Big Meadows—J L Pyatte, Gladys Pyatte.
Minneapolis—W R Buchanan, Nell Buchanan, J L Pritchard.
Newland—D P Bridges, R T Teague, S C Braswell, W A Buchanan
Jonas Ridge— No delegates.
Crossnore—Schuyler Johnson.

Report on Resolutions read by W. M. Francum.

Be it resolved, That this convention do hereby tender its thanks to the people of Minneapolis for their hospitality to the delegates and visitors. Respectfully.

By the Committee.

Adopted.

Convention closed by singing Amazing Grace, and a general hand shake. Prayer by J. N. Burnett.

N. S. Hampton, Chairman.
Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

15th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Avery County Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Green Valley Baptist Church

AUGUST 19—20,

1926

THE next session to be held at Big Meadow Baptist Church
Beginning on Thursday before the 4th Sunday
in August, 1927.

J. M. Whitaker to preach the introductory sermon.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Order of Business—R. T. Teague, Ed W. Buchanan.
Woman's Work—D. P. Bridges.
Missions— H S Burleson.
Education— R T Teague.
Temperance— Fritz Hall.
Obituaries— J L Pyatte.
Periodicals— L W Sudderth.
Orphanage— George McGuire.
Hospitals— D P Bridges.
Resolutions— D Buchanan.
Sunday Schools— Luther McGuire.
State of Churches— R M Greene.
Place and Preacher— J G Hughes.
Finance— J G Buchanan.
Ministerial Relief— W W Braswell.

We earnestly insist that each one write a report and have it at our next association.

N. S. HAMPTON, Mod.
ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

MINUTES

15th Annual Session

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 19—20, 1926.

The Avery Baptist Association met with Green Valley Church Aug. 19, 1926 at 10 a. m.

The moderator called on J. N. Barnett to conduct the devotion. He read 1st c. Cor. and commented from same. Prayer by L W Hall

Letters called for and 20 read.

Visiting brethren invited and the following responded:—

S. O. Trentham of Mars Hill College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Barnett of the S. S. Board.

Election of officers as follows:—

N. S. Hampton, Moderator; Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk.

Program read and adopted.

Committees appointed as follows:—

Woman's Work, Mrs D P Bridges, Mrs I N Barnett, Mrs M E Shell.

State, Home and Foreign Missions, R T Teague, C E Maddry, L W Hall.

Education, S O Trentham, J M Whitaker, N A Buchanan.

Temperance, J Henline, M E Shell, D A Greene.

Obituaries, R M Greene, J H Hicks, Vester Stafford.

Periodicals, D P Bridges, R L Hall, Chas Vance.

Orphanage, D Buchanan, J P Grindstaff.

Hospitals, Roy McGuire, B A Ollis, E O Pyatte.

Resolutions, L McGuire, Claud Stafford, I W Woody, J R Greene.

Sunday Schools, L W Hall, J N Barnett.

State of Churches, H S Burleson, L W Hall, S M Greene.

Place and Preacher, E O Pyatte, Sam Smith, N A Buchanan, D Buchanan, Chas Vance.

Finance, J G Buchanan, M D Buchanan, Chas Vance.

Nominations, T W Childres, D P Bridges, N A Buchanan.

B Y P U, R T Teague, W R Buchanan, Chas Vance.

Song: Jesus Lover of My Soul.

Sermon by L W Hall. Theme: Giving ourselves to God. He preached an impressive sermon.

Adjourned till 1: 15 p. m.

Afternoon, First Day.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotion conducted by D A Greene.

Report on Sunday schools read. Discussed by J. N. Burnett, J. R. Greene, L. McGuire, N. S. Hampton.

S. S. REPORT

After a general survey of our Sunday-school work in Avery Association, we find that there has been some progress made in the past year: but first we need a vision of greater things. Second, a higher standard of teaching. Third, training for systematic giving to our Lord's cause. Also, your committee earnestly request that every church hold at least 2 weeks of teachers' training during next year.

Respectfully,

L. W. Hall, Ch. }
J. N. Barnett, } Com

Report on Periodicals read by D. P. Bridges.

Discussed by J. N Barnett.

REPORT

This is an age of making of many books and printing many papers. People read a great deal. It is exceedingly important that they be careful what they read. Parents should see that the right kind of reading matter comes into their homes. After the Bible, we know of nothing that will take the place of the Biblical Recorder.

We also recommend Charity and Children, and Home and Foreign Fields. Respct.,

D. P. Bridges, R. L. Hall, A. Vance, Com.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read and adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

Paul said in Ephesians 6: 4, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". Solomon said in Proverbs 22: 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it". Paul exhorted young Timothy in II. Timothy 2: 15 to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

The Sunday school is the teaching part of the church. The B.Y. P.U. is the training part of the church. In no part of our work have we failed so disastrously and with such fearful results as in the training part. Let us awake from our lethargy and see to it that our dear boys and girls are given this training so essential to their development and that God wills them to have.

R. T. Teague, Ch., W. R. Buchanan, Chas. Vance, Com.

Report on Education read and adopted. Discussed by S O. Trentham, J. N. Barnett, L. W. Hall, N. A. Buchanan, N. S. Hampton.

EDUCATION REPORT

We should maintain our schools: 1st, Because our program must be kept in the front rank along with the State schools or we cannot keep our boys and girls in our own schools. 2d. Our Leaders, Ministers and Missionaries must come from Baptist schools and our boys and girls should be taught science in order to meet scientists on their own ground, but they must be taught by Christian teachers.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That the Avery Association adopt the following resolution: That there should be nothing taught in our schools contrary to the Genesis account of creation: therefore let us patronize our own schools. Respct.,

S. O. Trentham,
J. M. Whitaker,
N. A. Buchanan, } Com

Report on Woman's Work adopted.

REPORT

Only four of our churches have any kind of Missionary Societies. We have 22 churches, all claiming to be Missionary Baptist. There have been W. M. S's. organized in six of our churches and only two have reported any contributions to any of the objects during the year We also have two Sunbeam Societies that contributed to the work. The whole amount given by these four societies this year is $97.44.

We trust that in the next year we will have quite a number of W M. S. and Sunbeam Bands working in our Lord's cause in Avery Association. Respct.,

Mrs. J. N. Barnett, Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. M. E. Shell, Com.

Bro. J. Henline and J. M. Whitaker were given a welcome with us.

Adjourned with prayer led by J. N. Barnett.

Second Day.

Met at 9: 15. Singing led by Mrs. Dock Ollis.

Devotion conducted by R. T. Teague

Dr. Chas. E. Maddry was given a welcome.

Report on Missions read by R. T. Teague.

Dr. Maddry discussed missions one hour. A much-needed and interesting address.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The field is the world. The one great work committed to the Lord's people is that of giving the gospel to the whole world.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,

teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.

The task is not complete till all have heard. Then the responsibility rests on the hearers. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned Christians are not free from responsibility till they have done their task. And ye are witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

This command includeseachindividualChristian man and woman. We are watchmen on the wall; if we fail to cry and give the warning we shall be held accountable before the judgement bar of God It is a great task. Let every man be in his place about the camp.

R. T. Teague, C. E. Maddry, L W. Hall, Com.

Pledges taken for Co-operative Program for this year as follows:

Aaron	$20	Green Valley	20	Oak Grove	20
Big Meadows	20	Jonas Ridge	20	Pleasant Hill	15
Crossnore	50	Minneapolis	15	" Valley	13
Cranberry	25	Mt Pleasant	20	Roaring Creek	20
Chestnutdale	20	Newland	150	Yellow Mtn	25
		Total			$453

Report on State of Churches read and adopted.

REPORT

Last year 19 churches reported a total membership of 1,982; this year 20 churches reported a total membership of 2,258.

Last year 19 churches paid pastors $2,525.18, an average of $138.34 per church; this year 20 churches paid pastors $2,715.56, an average of $137.57 per church.

Last year 19 churches reported total financial expense, including pastors' salaries, $2,716.19. This year 20 churches reported total expenses, including pastors' salaries, $4,976.30.

Last year 7 churches reported $242.04 for Co-operative Program. This year 5 churches reported $118.71 for Co-operative Program.

Last year 11 churches paid Orphanage $149.67. This year 10 churches paid Orphanage $176.37.

Last year 18 churches reported Sunday schools with a total enrollment of 1,578. This year 20 churches reported Sunday schools with total enrollment of 1,826.

Last year three churches reported W. M. U's. This year two churches reported W. M. U's.

Last year 3 churches reported B.Y.P.U's. This year 4 churches reported B.Y.P.U's.

This year 4 churches reported Sunbeams.

Last year 14 churches reported 96 Baptisms.

This year 16 churches reported 127 Baptisms.

We find that we have gained in membership, church expenses, Orphanage, Sunday school enrollment, B.Y.P.U's. and additions by baptism. We also find a decrease in pastors' salaries.

We, your committee, earnestly beg that we awake to our duty and press forward and not backward.

L. W. Hall, H. S. Burleson, S. M. Greene, Com.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

Afternoon, - Second Day.

Devotion conducted by J. Henline.

Report on Orphanage read and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

We find that the Orphanage at Thomasville is doing a great work in training and educating a fine body of young men and women that will be a great help to the Baptists in the future. There are about 600 children at Thomasville and about 300 in homes with mothers, that are helped from the fund that is contributed by the Sunday S. and churches. We recommend that each S. S. take an offering once a month and also at Thanksgiving to make a special offering of one day's income to the Orphanage.

D. Buchanan,
J. B. Grindstaff } Com

Report on Temperance read. Discussed by J. Henline. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5: 18.

This great question needs much of our attention. It's wrecking many human lives. We should ever be ready to stand behind our officers in the enforcement of law and we as God's people should be more about the Master's business. It is true that the law must be enforced, but the chaingang and the penitentiary are poor places to reform a mother's boy. Not only in strong drink, but the Word says be temperate in all things.

Brethren, let us take God's word for our guide and we will be better fit for this life and the life to come.

J. Henline, M. E. Shell, D. A. Greene, Com.

Report on Hospitals read and adopted.

REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston is the youngest Institution of the State Convention. During its brief existence, it has treated more than 800 patients free who were not financially able to take treatment otherwise; and numbers of others have been treated at a low cost. The purpose of this hospital is to give our people the advantage of service under religious influence at the lowest pos-

sible cost. We ask that our association patronize and fully support this great institution.

Roy McGuire,
B. A. Ollis,
E. O. Pyatte, } Com

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

OBITUARIES

In our association last year we lost 12 members. Oh, when we come to die we can say as Paul: For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

R. M. Greene,
Vester Stafford, } Com

PLACE & PREACHER Report adopted

We recommend that the next session meet with Big Meadows church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1927.

Rev. J. Whitaker to preach the introductory sermon.

J. Henline alternate. Respectfully

E. O. Pyatte, N. A. Buchanan, Chas. Vance, D. Buchanan, Com.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

REPORT

Minute Fund,	$36.33
Orphanage	6.00
Hospitals	2.47
Total,	$44.80

We recommend that our clerk be paid $8.00 for his services.

J. G. Buchanan, M. D. Buchonan, Chas. Vance, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for printing from Com.	$32.96
From S. S. Convention	7.92
Total	$40.88

Disbursed:

For Printing,	$30.00
Clerk's Fee,	8.00
Postage and Stationery,	2.88
Total,	$40.88

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk-Treas.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved first, That we put at least 2 weeks training workers in our churches next year.

Second, That we tender our thanks to the good people of Green Valley for their kind hospitality shown this association. Respy.

Luther McGuire, I. W. Woody, J. R. Greene, Com.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Executive Committee: R. T. Teague Ch., Ed W. Buchanan Sec. H. S. Burleson, J. G. Buchanan, D. P. Bridges, N. S. Hampton, Mrs. Dock Ollis.

B.Y.P.U. Directors: R T Teague, W W Braswell.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: N S Hampton, L W Hall Ed W Buchanan.

To Southern Baptist Convention: D P Bridges.

Correspondents:

To Stony Fork: N S Hampton.
To Yancy: R T Teague.
To Three Forks: R M Greene.
To Mitchell: J G Buchanan.

T. W. Childres,
D. P. Bridges,
N. A. Buchanan,
} Com.

Adjourned with prayer led by D. P. Bridges.

N. S. HAMPTON, Moderator.
ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk.

OUR DEAD

Mr. Jonah Braswell
Mrs. J. W. Franklin
Mr. Claud Cook
Mr. Joel Mitchell
Mrs. Adlaide Franklin
Mr. S. A. Painter
Mrs. Addie Carver
Mrs. Oda Harmon
Mr. Nero Oaks
Mrs. Martha Guin
Mrs. Mollie Guin
Mr. James Hicks

Delegates Enrolled in the Association

Aaron— T. W. Childers, J. G. Buchanan.
Beech Mtn— Roy McGuire, T F Cook, L Cook.
Big Meadow— Mr and Mrs E O Pyatte, D Phillips, and Albert Callaway.
Belview— J W Taylor, Ida Carraway.
Crossnore— C H Vance, Mrs R M Vance, Edna Vance.
Cranberry— Mr and Mrs M D Buchanan, Myrtle Buchanan.
Chestnutdale— D S Hoffman.
Flat Springs— R M Greene, S M Greene.
Green Valley— R L Hall, Dock Ollis, Dent Weatherman, Mrs Dock Ollis.
Jonas Ridge— Mr and Mrs M E Shell.
Minneapolis— J D Harmon, Nell Young, Ida Vance.
Mt Pleasant— Arthur Vance, H S Burleson.
Newland— R T Teague, Mr and Mrs D P Bridges.
Oak Grove— Arthur Ledford.
Pleasant Hill— Mr and Mrs N A Buchanan, A L Miller, I W Woody, B A Ollis, Mr and Mrs G B Buchanan.
Pleasant Valley— L McGuire, Mrs S M Pressnell, D Holtsclaw, W P Hicks.
Powder Mill— Claud Stafford.
Roaring Creek— Sam Smith.
Yellow Mountain— Mrs E H Patrick, Vester Stafford, D Buchanan

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Church Treasurers

(Not space in Finance Table to put these.)

Aaron, T w Childers Montezuma
Beech Mountain, Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge
Belview, M A Gouge, Cranberry
Crossnore, Jeter Vance, Crossnore
Chestnutdele, D S Hoffman, Hughes
Elk Valley, D T Bailiff, Memory
Flat Springs, R M Greene, Whaley
Green Valley, R L Hall. Spruce Pine
Big Meadow, S Carpenter, Pyatte
Jonas Ridge, M E Shell, Jonas Ridge
Minneapolis, W W Pyatte, Minneapolis
Mt Pleasant, H S Burleson, Hughes
Newland, D P Bridges, Newland
Oak Grove, John Blackburn, Newland
Pleasant Hill, Nola E Hicks, Frank
" Valley, W P Hicks, Elk Park
Powder Mill, H Osborn, Senia
Roaring Creek, N V Hughes, Valley
Cranberry, M D Buchanan, Minneapolis

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher Annual Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W.M.Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S.M.Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C.G.Bryant	D. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	"	G. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn	W. H. Ollis	"	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D.A.Green	"	M. L Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	"	"	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	"	"	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	"	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn	R. T. Lewis	"	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	"	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N.S Hampton	"	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	"	"	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	"	Ed W Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	"	"	L. W. Hall

Woman's Work

CHURCH	Presidents	No. of Societies	No. of Sunbeams	Gifts to Local Church work	Gifts to Missions & Benev.
Big Meadows	Mrs. J. L. Pyatte	30	.....	.....	.....
Green Valley	Mrs Eloy Weatherman	20	59		
Mt Pleasant	Mrs Brown Johnson	24			
Newland	Mrs S. B. Lacy	15	20		97.15

Young People's Work

		Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled
Crossnore	Howard Franklin				
Newland	Dr. T. J. Powers				100
Pleasant Hill	Lucy Cooper	10	10	15	35

TABLE I.- STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Received by Baptism	By Letters	Statements	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Sunday of Reg. Meeting	Town, village or Country	Revival Meetings	Total Value of Ch. Property
Aaron	G. W. Sabastian	T. W. Clilders	9	5	..	..	1	..	1	128		v	..	6000
Beech Mtn.	D M Wheeler	Roy McGuire	17	2		2	2	2	2	246	1	c	1	1000
Big Meadow	N S Hampton	E O Pyatte	8		1		4		1	125	1	c	1	2500
Belview	J M Whitaker	M A Gouge	2	5		2	2	5	2	33	1	c	1	500
Crossnore	J R Hodges	N W Johnson	8				4			147		v		2500
Cranberry	J Henline	C A Johnson	7	6		24	3			132		tunion		
Chestnutdale.	L W Hall	S J Hughes	6						1	101		c		3000
Elk Valley	F C Watts	D T Bailiff		1		1	1	1	2	97		c		1000
Elk Park										40				3000
Flat Springs	D A Green	J W Green					5		1	78				800
Green Valley.	N S Hampton	Fritz Hall	3	3			1	1		104				1000
Henson Creek														
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	L C Shell								117				800
Minneapolis	D A Greene	W W Pyatte	6	4	2	1	4			108				2000
Mt Pleasant	N S Hampton	H S Burleson	16	6		18				88				500
Newland	J R Hodges	J M Gragg	11	3			3			111				11000
Oak Grove	L W Hall	Bertha Parker	7	2	3		1	1		68				1500
Pleasant Hill.	J M Whitaker	Baxter Ollis	7	3			3			223				2500
" Valley	N S Hampton	Ottie Park	4	1		1	1	5	6	130				500
Powder Mill	A Sparks	T J Greene								32				450
Roaring Creek		J G Hughes	1			1				105				1000
Yellow Mtn.	J Henline	Vester Stafford	15				5			85				200

TABLE II.- FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. and B Y P U	Local Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Home Total	Co-op Program	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State-Aso Missions	Orphanage	GRAND TOTAL
Aaron	180.00	.....	.....	72.00	20.00	70.50	10.00	2.00	.....	264.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	382.56
Beech Mtn.	97.00		20.00			6.20		2.20		145.00						147.85
Big Meadow	111.89		22.35	50.00		22.74		1.55		209.53					6.00	215.53
Belview	65.85		30.00	50.00	25.00			65		198.40						198.40
Crossnore	400.00			25.00	24.00	130.00	5.00	1.00	30.00	615.00					36.00	651.00
Cranberry	134.33	40.00								174.33						174.33
Chestnutdale	100.00					13.85	76.45	1.50	8.00	199.82					10.00	209.82
Elk Valley	89.00	30.00			14.00	10.00	10.00	2.00		155.00						155.00
Elk Park						20.15		1.00								
Flat Springs	52.68					14.00		2.00		68.68						68.68
Green Valley	138.20		30.10	38.35	6.00	8.53	4.50	2.75		258.53	12.53			2.47	38.33	312.86
Henson Creek																
Jonas Ridge	86.50				10.00			1.50		98.00						98.00
Minneapolis	101.68		44.00		19.00	15.00		1.50		181.18					19.00	200.18
Mt Pleasant	88.34		50.59	213 31	7.35	10.00		1.00		370.59					2.30	372.89
Newland	449.80				58.50	262.81	256.00	5 00	187.82	1159 93		30.00	17.50	26.29	35.07	1268.79
Oak Grove	120.00					20 00		75		140.75	10.00					150.75
Pleasant Hill	175.15	12.00		90.00	14 00	55.00	75 00	2.25		425 75					15.00	440.75
" Valley	82.63		27 39		10 00	8 54	50.00	1 78	11.00	195.54		.75	.65	1.70	13.00	210.50
Powder Mill	25 00					12 00		1.00		38 00						38.00
RoaringCreek	97.68		18 40		4.00	8 23	19.50	1.70		149 50						149.50
Yellow Mtn	161.05		35 00	10 00				1 75		206 00					3.20	209.20

*Beech Mtn $2.47 for Hospitals; Green Valley $1. for Christian Education.

TABLE 3- SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	SEC'Y.	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 years	Primaries 6 to 8	Juniors 9 to 12	Intermediate 13 to 16	Senior-Adult 17 and up	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Standard A-1?	Teachers Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to local Church Work	To Orphanage etc
Aaron	Mrs W W Braswell	Mrs J M Childers	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	No	No	.....	..	91.56	.....
Beech Mtn.	D C Cook	Pauline Trivett	7	18	20	14	21				95	91	No	No				
Big Meadow	W P Johnson	Mrs J L Pyatte	9	15		15		30	5		104	75	No	No				
Belview	Jess Cook	Edith Tolley	7	12	15	16		20			85	70						
Crossnore	P L Johnson	Florence Johnson	14	10	15	25	40	15		24	168	80	yes		8		60.00	40.00
Cranberry	Union																	
Chestnutdale.	W W Holtsclaw	Cozy Johnson	9	4	4	9	20	36			72	65			6		55.00	
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Hazel Bailiff	6	6	10	8	12	39			76	45						
Elk Park	R N Cardwell	C S Carroll	7									30					20.15	
Flat Springs.	Russell Norris	Mary Greene	8	6	3	8	5	15			45	40			1	1		
Green Valley.	Dent Weatherman	Mrs Dock Ollis	7	15	10	10		13			55	35						14.95
Henson Creek																		
Jonas Ridge.	M E Shell	L G Reid									112	80						
Minneapolis.	V W Greene	Hope Burleson	8	25	20	10	10	10			100	90			6		20.00	
Mt Pleasant	H S Burleson	V S Johnson	6		10	15	18	22			71	50						
Newland	R T Teague	S B Lacy	12	15	18	12	22	38	5	6	128	65					202.81	27.00
Oak Grove	J R Williams	Laura Greene	7								60	45						
Pleasant Hill.	Ed W Buchanan	Nora Buchanan	13	15	20	15	35	60	10		158	110						
" Valley	Luther McGuire	Walter Hicks	18	10	10	21	10	36	18	15	110	50			9	2	16.00	
Powder Mill	Taylor Buchanan	T J Greene	6									33						
Roaring Creek	C G Oaks	Mrs Dimple Burleson	8	30	13	14	10	10	12		97	90						
Yellow Mtn.	D Buchanan	Wade Buchanan	7									33				15		

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention

JULY 23, 1926.

The Convention met wtth Pleasant Hill church at 10 a. m.

Singing by Pleasant Hill choir. Devotion conducted by L. W. Suddreth. He read 1st Psalm and commented from same. Special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit led by J. M. Whitaker.

Letters called for and the following received: Aaron, Belview, Big Meadow, Chestnutdale, Crossnore, Green Valley, Minneapolis, Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Yellow Mtn.

N. S. Hampton was elected Chairman and Ed W. Buchanan Sec. for the ensuing year.

Committees appointed as follows:—

Program— W. W. Braswell, R. T. Teague and J. L. Pyatte.

Resolutions— D P Bridges, J M Whitaker, I W Woody.

Time and Place— W W Braswell, H S Burleson, D Buchanan.

Finance— J W Taylor, N A Buchanan, S M Buchanan.

D. P. Bridges introduced Rev. L. O. McCracken. Sermon by Bro. McCracken. Theme: A Vision of a Lost World.

Adjourned till 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON

Devotion conducted by Mrs. Dock Ollis, reading Matt. 25th and and a very interesting talk by Sister Ollis.

Subjects discussed as follows:—

Is a Standard Sunday school worth while? by Luther McGuire and N. S. Hampton.

Teacher Training, by R. T. Teague.

Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned with prayer by L W Hall.

EVENING

Singing by A. G. Buchanan. Rev. R. C. Brown read Romans 8, and commented on same.

Sermon by Rev. V. B. Styles. Subject: Calling the Called. He preached an able sermon.

Adjourned by N. S. Hampton.

Second Day

Convention met at 9 a. m. Thirty minutes singing by Pleasant Hill choir. N. S. Hampton read 2d Tim. 2d chapt. and made fitting

remarks from same. Prayer by L. W. Hall. Pleasant Valley choir led by Dewey Holtsclaw, sang several songs.

Subject, Preparing the Lessou, discussed by D. P. Bridges.

Evangelism in the Sunday School, by L. W. Hall, N. S. Hampton

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON, Second Day

Singing by choirs of Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Valley.

Subject, The Orphanage in the Sunday School, by D. P. Bridges.

Report on Time and Place read and adopted.

REPORT

We your committee recommend that the next session be held at Crossnore, beginning on Thursday before Fourth Sunday in July, 1927.

H. S. Burleson, E. Buchanan, Com.

No. of Delegates enrolled as follows: Aaron 3, Big Meadow 6, Belview 5, Chestnutdale 7, Crossnore 6, Elk Park 6, Green Valley 5, Mt. Pleasant 4, Newland 5, Minneapolis 3, Oak Grove 4, Pleasant Valley 34, Pleasant Hill 8, Yellow Mtn. 5.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

REPORT

No. 1. Your committee insist that all our S. S. Teachers make an honest effort to attend our conventions in the future.

No. 2. Resolved, That a full and hearty vote of thanks be tendered the good people of this church and community for the handsome manner in which they have entertained this convention.

D. P. Bridges, J. M. Whitaker, I. W. Woody, Com.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Received for Minutes from:

Aaron	$1.00	Mt Pleasant	.50
Big Meadows	.75	Oak Grove	.50
Belview	2.00	Pleasant Valley	.50
Chestnutdale	1.00	Pleasant Hill	1.00
Green Valley	1.00	Yellow Mtn.	1.00
		Total,	$9.95

J. W. Taylor, N. A. Buchacan, S. M. Buchanan, Com.

The convention closed with sad hearts at parting and brighter hopes of meeting in that home beyond the skies.

N. S. HAMPTON, Chm.
ED W BUCHANAN, Secy.

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MINUTES

OF THE

16th Annual Session

OF THE

Avery County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BIG MEADOW CHURCH

August 25-26, 1927.

Next session to be held with Jonas Ridge on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1928.

Preacher Annual Sermon: Rev. J. Henline.

Will H. McGuire's Print, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

Of The

16th ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August 25th and 26th 1927.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Committee: N. S. Hampton Chm., Ed W. Buchanan Secy., H. S. Burleson, J. D. Braswell, J. R. Hodges.

Missions: R. T. Teague. B. Y. P. U.: Cordie Franklin.

Delegates to State Convention:
N. S. Hampton, D. Buchanan, D. P. Bridges.

Southern Baptist Convention
J. R. Hodges.

To write on Order of Business: D P Bridges, T W Childres.
Missions: R T Teague.
Education: W J Norton.
Temperance: J C Storie.
Obituaries: L G Reid.
Periodicals: L McGuire.
Orphanage: Chas. Vance.
Hospitals: D. Buchanan.
Resolutions: J L Pyatte.
Sunday Schools: P L Johnson.
Place and Preacher: N A Buchanan.
State of Churches: R M Green.
Finance: J G Buchanan.
Ministerial Relief: H S Burleson.
Pastoral Support. G W McGuire.

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

The Association met with Big Meadow Church Aug. 25 1927 at 10 a. m. Singing led by Eli English. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit led by J. Henline.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by J. M. Whitaker. Theme: Christian Unity.

Organization. Letters called for and twenty-one received. On motion only the special items were read.

Visitors and correspondents invited and the following responded: J. A. McKaughan, of the State Mission Board; B. B. Styles of Yancy Co., D. M. Wheeler, J. Henline, J. M. Buchanan of Mitchell Co. J. M. Whitaker and R. C. Brown of Johnson City, Tenn.

N. S. Hampton was elected Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan was elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

W. J. Norton, Crossnore's new pastor was given a welcome.

The following committees were appointed, with the first named as Chairman:—

Woman's Work— Mrs. J. R. Hodges, Mrs. D. Buchanan.
Missions— H S Burleson, J A McKaughan, J M Whitaker.
Education— R T Teague, J R Hodges, W J Norton.
Temperance— Fritz Hall, J Henline, R C Brown.
Obituaries— J L Pyatte, R M Green.
Periodicals— J A McKaughan, D P Bridges.
Orphanage— J C Storie, D M Wheeler.
Hospitals— D P Bridges, D A Green.
Resolutions— D Buchanan, M E Shell, V W Green.
Sunday Schools— Luther McGuire, N A Buchanan, D C Cook.
State of Churches— R M Green, B B Styles, R Z Burleson.
Place and Preacher— D Buchanan, Tom Clark, S M Green.
Finance— J G Buchanan, D T Weatherman, W W Pyatte.
Ministerial Relief— J Henline, Vasser Buchanan.
Nominations— J R Hodges, L G Reid, W W Holtsclaw, J L Pyatte
B. Y. P. U.— Miss Cordie Franklin, T W Childers.
Pastoral Support— J M Buchanan, D Buchanan, Joe Phillips, I W Woody.

Motion carried to let the Crossnore B. Y. P. U. Class put on a program tonight.

Adjourned till 1: 30.

Dinner served on the ground.

AFTERNOON

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Song: How Firm a Foundation. Rev. J. M. Carpenter of the Free Baptist Church was given a welcome.

Devotion by R C. Brown. He read 51st Psalm and made fitting remarks from same.

Bro B. C. Stringfield of Mars Hill college was given a welcome and also C. A. Caldwell.

Report on Missions was read, and spoken on by J. A. McKaughan. He also discussed Periodicals.

D. P. Bridges read his report on Associational Missions and dis-

cussed same. Reports adopted..

P. C. Stringfield spoke on Education and in interest of Mars Hill College.

Motion carried for Committee on Nominations to submit a man to work in co-operation with the State Mission Board in our county.

Delegates assigned homes. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION, 7: 30

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by B. B. Styles.

The Crossnore B Y.P.U. class rendered a program. Subject: Laborers together with God. It was received with much interest.

Sermon by J. Henline. Subject: Serving God with what we now have. He preached an impressive sermon.

Song and a general reconsecration to the Lord's work.

Prayer by Mrs. Dock Ollis Adjourned.

SECOND DAY

Met at 9 a. m. Singing led by D. M. Wheeler.

Devotion by J. M. Buchanan. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

On motion the following committee No. 2 was appointed on Resolutions— J. R. Hodges, J. Henline, R. M. Green.

Report on State of Churches read by R. M. Green and spoken to by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by J. L. Pyatte and adopted.

Report on Education read by J. R. Hodges and spoken on by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

On motion, the Association gave a rising vote of thanks to our Hon. Board of Education for their resolution recommending the hireing of Christian teachers in our county.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Luther McGuire. Spoken on by P. L. Johnson, N. S. Hampton and adopted.

On motion a collection was taken for Associational Missions, and received cash and pledges in the amount of $83.30. Turned over to D. P. Bridges, our treasurer.

Motion carried to retain A. R. Waters for Enlistment Worker for this year.

Bro. M. L. Kesler of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage was given a rising welcome with us.

Report on B.Y.P.U. read and discussed by Cordie Franklin and T. W. Childers and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read. Spoken to by P. L. Johnson, Mrs. Dock Ollis and Mrs D. Buchanan and adopted.

Song: More About Jesus.

Report on Orphanage read by J. C. Storie. M. L. Kesler spoke about the work and in the interest of the Orphanage 30 minutes. N. S. Hampton also spoke on report. Adopted.

On motion D. Buchanan was appointed to work for the interest of the Orphanage in our county.

Adjourned till 1:30. Dinner on the grounds.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

Met at 1:30 p. m. Devotional by J. R. Hodges.

Prayer by D. P. Bridges.

Roll call of Delegates. List elsewhere.

Report on Hospitals read. Spoken to by G. T. Lumpkin, of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem and adopted.

Report on Temperance read by clerk. Spoken to by W. J. Norton and P. L. Johnson and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read. Spoken on by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support read. Spoken on by D. Buchanan and N. S. Hampton and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

Reports on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report on Place and Preacher read and adopted.

Adjourned wtth prayer by W. J. Norton.

Moderator, N. S. Hampton, Pineola, N. C.
Clerk, E. W. Buchanan, Minneapolis, N. C.

REPORTS

STATE MISSIONS

Ever since the day the Baptist State Convention was organized, March 26, 1830, at Greenville, with 14 members, its avowed purpose has been to "give the Gospel to N. C. and then to all the world." How successfully the founders of the Convention and their successors have wrought may be seen by the following comparisons:

In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in N C., white and colored. There are now 375,767 white Baptists alone, and approximately 240,000 negro Baptists, making a total of around 600,000; about 48 church members out of every 100 in N. C. are Baptists. There is not a county in the State and scarcely a town of any size without a Baptist church. However, in many places the Baptist cause greatly needs strengthening The first year the Convention met it reported

$700 for Missions and Education, the two objects to which it contributed. Last year contributions to all benevolent objects, including the Orphanage, amounted to $737,317 32.

Not until 40 years ago when Columbus Durham became Cor. Sec. devoting all his time to the work, did the Baptist cause begin to gather momentum. For seven years, Dr. Durham threw himself into the work with the zeal of the early disciples. Then came John E. White for five years, followed by L. Johnson for 15 progressive years, when the cause went forward by leaps and bounds Then came Walter N. Johnson for 5 years, during which period the 75-Million Campaign was launched and new financial levels were reached, which we have not been able to attain since. For the past seven and a half years Charles E. Maddry has directed in a masterly way the affairs of the Board as its executive head, being now the General Secretary of the General Board. He has associated with him in the direction of the State Mission department A. C. Hamby Mars Hill, and Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh.

Notwithstanding the appropriation for State Missions has been reduced each year for the past four, from $146,000 to $132,000, then to $77,000 for this year, there is a debt of around $60,000 on the running account of State Missions. Still more drastic cuts will be made next year unless there is a marked increase in the income of the Board. This would be suicidal to all the work; for it is only as we strengthen the stakes at home that we can hope to lengthen the cords to the ends of the earth.

The Board is helping to sustain this year 87 missionary pastors who are serving 147 churches The report at our last Convention showed 118 missionaries serving 200 churches, organizing 11 new churches, receiving by baptism 1,921 and 1,740 by lettar and othewise

Department of W.M U., Mrs. W. N. Jones, Pres., Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Raleigh, Cor. Sec. Number of W.M.U. organizations now in the State, 2,443 with a membership of 40,326. There are 5 general workers, including the office force, and 3 other special field workers. Over $265,000 contributed to denominational objects last year by different W.M.U. organizations. There are 972 churches out of the 2,325 in the State without any sort of missionary organization, and there are 133,073 women connected with our churches who are not affiliated with any missionary organization.

Sunday School Department—E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, Sec., Gladys Beck, Elementary Sec., L. L Morgan, Raleigh, J. A. Ivey, Hickory, field workers for the east and west, with 11 other associational S. S. and B.Y.P.U. field workers There are now 2,243 S. S.

in the State, with a membership of 323,777.

B. Y. P. U. Department,— Perry Morgan, Raleigh, Sec., Winnie Ricket, Jr. Intermediate Sec., Marguerite Harrison, Goldsboro, and Mary Frances Biggers, Salisbury, field workers for the east and west, with 11 associational Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. field workers. There now 2,066 BYPU organizations in the State with approximately 60,000 members. Each of these BYPU's is a training camp for the future leaders of the denominatio 1. 1,287 churches without any B. Y. P. U.

Evangelistic Department.—Only 2 evangelists now, J. C. Canipe, Roxboro, and J. H. Moore, Durham, who is working with the colored people. Some 75 churches are being aided this year by volunteer pastors.

Student Activities: The Board is cooperating in maintaining the following student workers: R. P. Downey, Wake Forest; L. H. Tapscot, Chapel Hill; Y. C. Elliott, N. C. State, Raleigh; Miss Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

Preachers' School: One of the most hopeful features of the work is this school at Meredith College in June. More than 250 preachers attended the last session.

Book Shop: of the Board is rendering invaluable service in Kingdom building. Miss Madge Alderman, Raleigh, is Manager.

THE TASK AHEAD

To evangelize 600,000 people in N. C. over 10 years of age who are not Christians; to enlist in all the work of the Kingdom the 250-000 members who are doing nothing; to train for effective leadership our young people; to bring about a great revival of Christian Stewardship. When this is done, the Kingdom of God will come in a day.

23 cents out of each doll r given to the Co operative Program will be devoted to the promotion of our State Mission work.

J. A. McKaughan, H. S. Burleson, J. M. Whitaker.

BAPTIST CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention at its June meeting adopted $600, 000 as the goal for North Carolina Baptists to raise in 1928 for all the objects included in the Co-operative Program except the Orphanange.

This objective is to be divided equally between State-wide and South-wide objects as follows:

Statewide Objects

State Missions	23 cents
Baptist Schools	23 cents
Baptist Hospital	4 cents
Total	50 cents

Southwide Objects	
Foreign Missions	25 cents
Home Missions	11¼ cents
Theological Seminaries	8¼ cents
Ministers' Relief	4½ cents
New Orleans Hospital	1 cent
Total	50 cents

In co-operation with the other associations in the State we recommend that this association adopt the above ratio of division of its funds and that it set as its goal for 1928 $ ...., which is a little more than 1926; that this amount be apportioned upon as fair and equitable a basis as possible among all of the churches of the association by the Executive Committee of the association, or by a special committee; and that each church endeavor to raise its objective by making an every member canvass Dec. 4-11, the Southwide date set, or at such other time as may seem best, or to raise it by some other method adopted by the church.

In order that this Every-member Canvass be successful, we would recommend further that the most thorough and prayerful preparation be made, beginning several weeks in advance, giving information about the objects included in the Program, and thoroughly indoctrinating the people with the idea of stewardship.

We also recommend that a Mission Leader be elected to represent this association in its dealing with the general State organization, and that this Mission Leader, in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the association or a special Mission Committee to be appointed, communicate with each local church and try to effect a simple organization consisting of a Mission Leader and a Mission Committee of four others at least, and to co-operate with this committee in every possible way in putting on and sucessfully carrying through the Co-operative program for 1928.

H. S. Burleson, J. A. McKaughan, J. M. Whitaker, Com.

PERIODICALS

We your committee desire to remind you of the great service rendered to our work by our Baptist publications, and woule therefore, ask you to help those who labor with you in the Lord's work.

We would direct yor attention to the Biblical Recorder and urge that all aid in the campaign to increase the circulation.

We call your attention to Home and Foreign Fields which covers the work of Home and Foreign Missions. Also, Charity and Children, the Orphanage paper. We suggest that the churches make a canvass for subscriptions for these publications. Respectfully,

J. A. McKaughan, P. L. Johnson, D. P. Bridges, Committee.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Last year 20 churches reported a total membership of 2,258; this year 20 churches reported a total membership of 2,127.

Last year 20 churches paid pastors $2.715.56, an average of $137.57 per church; this year 20 churches paid pastors $2,548.06, an average of $127.40 per church.

Last year 20 churches reported financial expenses, including pastors' salaries, $4,976.30; this year 20 churches reported total expenses, including pastors' salaries, $6,577.93.

Last year 5 churches reported $118.71 for Co-operative Program; this year 13 churches report $417.25 for Co-operative Program.

Last year 10 churches gave Orphanage $176.37; this year 10 churches gave Orphanage $255.59.

Last year 20 churches reported Sunday schools with total enrollment of 1,826; this year 19 churches reported Sunday-schools with a total enrollment of 2,196.

Last year 2 churches reported W. M. U.'s; this year 3 churches reported W. M. U.'s.

Last year 4 churches reported B. Y. P. U.'s; this year 4 churches reported B. Y. P. U.'s.

This year 2 churches reported Sunbeams.

Last year 16 churches reported 156 baptisms; this year 17 churches reported 127 baptisms.

We find an increase in Sunday-schools and in Co-operative Program, and a decrease in pastors' salaries.

We your committee beg that we press forward to our duty.

Respectfully,

R. M. Greene,
B. B. Styles,
R. J. Burleson, } Com

OBITUARIES

We find that there has been 18 deaths this year.

How sweet it would be if we all could say when we come to the river of death as Paul said: "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

J. L. Pyatte,
R. M. Greene, } Com

‡ OUR DEAD ‡

Mrs. Sarah Franklin	Mrs. S. C. Suddreth	Mrs. Huldy Johnson
Miss Alice Tolley	Miss Nell Benfield	Miss Estella Calaway
Mr. Z. D. Pyatte	Mr. J. N. Stamey	Mr. Gorden Hicks
Mr. John Ward	Mrs. Elzie Hampton	Mrs. Bessie Ryder
Mrs. Tishia Smith	Mrs. Etta Estep	Mrs Pearline Buchanan
Mr. I. N. Watson	Mr. S. F. McKinney	Mrs. Aldeck Hobson.

EDUCATION

Real education is education directed by Christian teachers under Christian surroundings and from a Christian view-point. For want of this type of school many of our boys and girls are going forth with good mental training but with their faith in God and humanity wrecked, filling the world with selfish money-getters, indifferent church members and full-fledged atheists.

To educate a person means to adjust him to those elements of environment that are of concern in modern life; and to develop, organize, and train his powers so that he make efficient and proper use of them. But whatever education is, in its final analysis, it is the preparing of a person for complete citizenship in the Kingdom of God. To build a life, a character, a business, a government, or a state on any other foundation than the principles of Christianity is but to insure its ultimate doom.

It is as much a command of the Master to educate the masses as to evangelize them. Whom we have evangelized we are also to teach. Teach what? To observe the principles of right living and thinking; to appreciate and control the values of life, which are character, Christlikeness, and the principles of righteousness; and to use every talent possessed to better the conditions of the world. The fundamental task and goal of the Kingdom of God is bringing in a new order of citizenship of which Jesus is a type.

It is a law of pedagogy that a teacher cannot teach what he himself does not have. It is therefore of supreme importance to secure only those teachers who have character and Christlike habits. We commend the Board of Education, Superintendent Teague, and the school committeemen of Avery County for trying to give us teachers of the above type.

J. R. Hodges,
W. J. Norton,
R. T. Teague,
} Com

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Since Sunday-school is the church teaching, let us look at our task in the South. There are 8,000,000 Baptist possibilities. Out of this number we are reaching only 1,400,000. In our association there are around 4,200. We are reaching only 1,611.

We will never reach our people until we get a trained set of pastors, superintendents and teachers.

Our Sunday School Board puts this training in reach of all of our leaders at small cost. Through the Sunday-school we must train our people. In fact we must build what we want right in our Sunday-schools. Then we should plan our programs for 52 a year, or we lose a lot of time.— Luther McGuire, D. C. Cook.

B. Y. P. U.

We find on examination of the letters that there are only four societies in our county at present and that previous to this there have been others which for some reason have discontinued.

It is our earnest desire that every pastor and delegate present may sincerely consider the organization of a B.Y.P.U. in their churches. It is through the B.Y.P.U. that the young church member learns the great truths of the Bible, the great doctrines and the missionary facts, consequently he learns to serve his Lord more earnestly.

Cordie Franklin, }
T. W. Childers, } Com

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization that proposes to aid in the great program of Southern Baptists. Every woman in our churches should be a W.M.U worker for the following reasons: For her own sake, for her fellow-man's sake, and for Christ's sake.

Only two societies have reported any contributions to any of the objects during the year. We have also three Sunbeam societies that contributed to the work. The whole amount given by these five societies this year is $70.74.

The need for more W. M. U. workers in the harvest fields for God was never greater than today. "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few." Let us pray that the Lord may thrust forth laborers into His harvest.

Mrs. J. R. Hodges,
Mrs. D. Buchanan.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Perhaps no institution under Baptist supervision lies so near the hearts of the people, as does the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and the Kenedy Home at Kinston, North Carolina.

At present there are 500 children at Thomasville, and 114 at the Kenedy home, and 365 children are being cared for with their mothers in their own homes. It costs about $600 per day to support these dependent children.

Among the 360,000 Baptists of the state, mostly poor people, a stream of appeals is coming in at the rate of 50 to 100 a month, most of them turned away for lack of room or funds. All home resources should be tapped and utilized for the care of unfortunate children before the Orphanage is thought of as a place of refuge.

Out of more than 2000 Sunday-schools only about one-third of them are contributing regularly to this object.

We would urge a once-a-month collection in all Sunday-schools, for the Orphanage. And we would recommend that one Brother or Sister in this Association be appointed to keep in touch with all

the Sunday-schools in the Association, and solicit more help for the Orphanage.

G. W. McGuire,
D. M. Wheeler, } Com
J. C. Storie,

HOSPITALS

The healing of the sick is just as much a part of the gospel as preaching. In Matt. 4: 23 we read: And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people. And 10: 8: Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely ye have received, freely give. 1st Cor.: And God hath set some in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers and after that miracles, then gifts of healing.

D. P. Bridges
D. A. Greene } Com

REPORT OF D. P. BRIDGES

On Salary of A. R. Waters, 1926-1927.

	Amount Received	Paid out
1926, Oct. 1.		
Big Meadows,	.65	
Mt Pleasant	.35	
Green Valley,	2.63	
Jonas Ridge,	1.66	
Dec. 1, Newland,	10 00	
Total,	15.29	
By Check,		83.30
Over Draft,	68.01	

TEMPERANCE

"Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

This great question needs much of our attention. It is wrecking many human lives and homes. We as God's people should ever be ready to stand by our officers in the enforcement of the law to rid our country of the intoxicating liquors that wreck so many of our young people. Not only in strong drink, but the Word says be temperate in all things.

In this fast age the devil has invented so many fancies that carry the young minds from church work and all that is good. The night craze for parties and car rides which bring many of our fair young daughters to a low ebb in character should be guarded against by every Christian father and mother.

Fritz Hall, J. Henline, Com.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Blessed is he that careth for the poor, and in Psalms 71, we read: When I am old and grey-headed forsake me not.

We should not forsake our old preachers who marked out the way.

Four and one-half per cent. of all money sent to State Missions goes to support our old ministers.

The Lord has said in his Word, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

J. Henline,
Joe Phillips, } Com

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We ask that each church have a deacons' meeting and form plans to enable pastors to give more of their time to visiting their members as he is the watchman over the flock.

As the church helps the pastor it enables him to do more visiting, and we find that pastors are underpaid probably through neglect of the deacons, and we request that they look after this matter of paying our pastors. Let's make an effort to increase the pastors' salaries this year.

J. M. Buchanan,
D. Buchanan, } Com
I. W. Woody,

REPORT ON FINANCE

Received for Printing	42.40	
" Co-operative Program,	31.25	
Total,	73.65	

We recommend that our clerk be paid $8.00 for his services. Also, that he send minutes only to those who pay for them.

J. G. Buchanan, D. T. Weatherman, W. W. Pyatte, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Printing,	35.33	
" from S. S. Convention,	8.95	
Total,	$44.28	
Disbursed, For Printing,		26.50
Fee Allowed,		8.00
Postage & Stationery,		4.09
Total,		$39.59
To Bal.	4.69	

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk & Treas.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee find that Yellow Mountain church is trying to build a pastor's home, that they have the lot to build on mostly paid for, and we find they will not be able to finish it unless they

can get some outside help.

We recommend that each church in our association take an offering in the near future for this worthy cause.

That we tender our thanks to Big Meadows church and community for their hospitality in support of this association.

We recommend that June of each year be set apart as Decoration Month, and ask that they be held in the afternoon on Sunday so this will not conflict with our Sunday schools. Respectfully,

D. Buchanan,
V. W. Green, } Com
M. E. Shell,

Committee No. 2:

Since hearing of the tragedy of Prof. Teague's brother and the deep sorrow that has come to his home:

Be it Resolved, That we extend to him our deepest sympathy and prayers in this hour of sorrow. Respectfully,

J. R. Hodges, R. M. Green, J. Henline.

PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Jonas Ridge on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1928, and that Rev. J. Henline preach the introductory sermon, Rev J. R. Hodges his alternate. Respectfully,

D. Buchanan, J. D. Clark, S. M. Green, Com.

Roll of Delegates

Aaron—T. W. Childers, J. G. Buchanan.

Beech Mtn.—J C Storie, D C Cook, J F Parlier, Dave Trivett.

Big Meadow—D M Phillips. J L Pyatte, J A Dyson, W M Carpenter, S A Carpenter.

Belview—A D Ollis, Dewey Gouge, H Ollis, Ida Caraway.

Crossnore—Cordie Franklin, Addie Johnson, Chas Vance, P L Johnson, Obie Johnson, Galen Johnson.

Cranberry—No delegates.

Chestnutdale—Chas Stafford, D S Hoffman, W W Holtsclaw, James Hoffman.

Elk Valley—D T Bailiff, Roe Bailiff, Roscoe Horney.

Elk Park—No delegates.

Flat Springs—R M Green, S M Green, B C Green.

Green Valley—D T Weatherman, Mrs Dock Ollis, Boss Ollis.

Henson Creek—No delegates.

Jonas Ridge—M E Shell, J D Clark, L G Riede.

Minneapolis—W W Pyatte, V W Green, R Z Burleson.

Mt Pleasant—H S Burleson, S L Wilson, J A Vance, Mrs Rhoda Carpenter.
Newland—J R Hodges, D P Bridges, J D Braswell, Mr and Mrs J M Gragg.
Oak Grove—A Ledford, Joe Phillips.
Pleasant Hill—B A Ollis, Baxter Ollis, C T Hicks, N A Buchanan Bill Buchanan, I W Woody, Acah Buchanan.
Pleasant Valley—L McGuire, Philip Shepherd, Mrs S M Pressnel.
Powder Mill—Claud Stafford.
Roaring Creek—Dewey Hughes, Mrs Dewey Hughes.
Yellow Mountain—D Buchanan, J W Teams, Mrs D Buchanan.

MINUTES

Of The

Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention

JULY 21st, 1927

The Convention met with Crossnore church at 10 a. m.

Devotion by R. T. Teague. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by J. R. Hodges. Text, Jonah 1st and 5th. A very spiritual and impressive sermon.

Organization: Rev. J. R. Hodges was elected Chairman, and Ed W. Buchanan was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned till 1: 30 p. m.

AFTERNOON

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotion by Miss Cordie Franklin. A very appropriate talk by Miss Franklin. The following subjects were discussed:—

Qualification of a Teacher, by Luther McGuire, R. T. Teague, N. S. Hampton, P. L. Johnson, Chas. Vance and T. W. Childers.

Qualification of a Supt. by D. P. Bridges, P. L. Johnson, R. T. Teague, and N. S. Hampton.

Committees appointed with the first named as Chairman:—

Program: N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, and H. S. Burleson.

Resolutions: D. P. Bridges, V. W. Green, Mrs. N. W. Johnson.

Time and Place: Luther McGuire, W. W. Benfield, W. W. Pyatte

Finance: Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, T. W. Childers, and Cordie Franklin.

Adjourned with prayer by R. T. Teague.

FRIDAY, Second Day

Met at 9: 30 a. m.

Opened by singing. Devotion by Luther McGuire, reading Romans 10 c. and made fitting remarks from same.

Subject discussed:

Building a Standard Sunday School, by Luther McGuire. The Chm. presented A. R. Waters, Field Worker for W. N. C. and Bro. Waters made an interesting address on the subject. R. T. Teague and T. W. Childers also discussed the standard Sunday school.

N. S. Hampton presented a program for enlargement for next year, beginning 1st Sunday in April 1928 for one week.

The Chairman called for volunteer teachers and the following responded: Mrs. N. W. Johnson, R. T. Teague, Luther McGuire and P. L. Johnson. Adjourned with prayer by D. P. Bridges.

AFTERNOON, Second Day

Met 1: 30 p. m. Devotion by A. R. Waters.

Subject: Duty of church members to Sunday school.

Discussed by D. P. Bridges and P. L. Johnson.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We your committee recommend that the next session be held at Minneapolis on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1928.

Luther McGuire,
W. W. Benfield, } Com
W. W. Pyatte,

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1st That we express our appreciation of the way in which this church and community have entertained this Convention

2nd That we thank Bro. A. R. Waters who arranged for the campaign which was given us.

3rd That all our Sunday schools encourage the work of Teacher Training.

D. P. Bridges,
V. W. Green, } Com
Mrs N. W. Johnson,

REPORT ON FINANCE

Received for Printing from:

Pleasant Hill	1.50
Green Valley	1.00
Chestnutdale	1.00
Yellow Mtn	1.00
Pleasant Valley	.75
Belview	1.50
Aaron	1.00
Total	$7.75

We recommend that our Minutes be printed with our association minutes. Respectfully submitted.

Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, T. W. Childers, Cordie Franklin.

The Convention closed with prayer by A. R. Waters.

J. R. Hodges, Chairman,

Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary.

No. of Delegates enrolled in the Convention

Aaron 1, Big Meadow 12, Belview 2, Chestnutdale 3, Crossnore all, Newland 6, Pleasant Hill 6, Pleasant Valley 6, Minneapolis 10.

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W.M.Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	"	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	"	G. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn	W. H. Ollis	"	R. T. Vann
1917	RoaringCreek	D. A. Green	"	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	"	"	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	"	"	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	"	W. R. Cullom.
1921	Beech Mtn	R. T. Lewis	"	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	"	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	"	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	"	"	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	"	EdW. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	"	"	L. W. Hall
1927	BigMeadow	"	"	J. M. Whitaker

TABLE I.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Meeting Days (Sundays)	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revivals Held During Year	Lord's Supper	Sunday-schoo Total enrolled	Total Value Ch. Property
Aaron	J. R. Hodges,	Newland, N.C.	T. W. Childers, Montezuma	2nd	....	129	1	1	102	$6000
Beech Mtn	D M Wheeler,	Bamboo	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge	4	4	235	1	2	214	1000
Big Meadow	N S Hampton,	Pineola	E O Pyatt, Pyatte	2	4	120	1	1	104	2075
Belview	J M Whitaker,	Johnson City	A D Ollis, Cranberry	1	18	63	1	1	75	500
Crossnore	W J Norton,	Crossnore	Chas Vance, Crossnore	Ev'ry	3	130	1		255	3000
Cranberry	J Henline,	Spruce Pine	C A Johnson, Cranberry	4th	9	133	1		204	
Chestnut Dale	D M Wheeler,	Bamboo	S J Hughes, Hughes	3rd	6	105	1	1	96	3000
Elk Valley	F C Watts,	Purlear	D T Bailiff, Memory	"	7	77	1	1	75	1000
Elk Park	J R Hodges,		Mrs B M Hamrick, Elk Park	"	3	41	1		46	3500
Flat Springs	D A Green,	Butler, Tenn	J W Green, Whaley	4th	8	95	1		51	800
Green Valley	N S Hampton,	Pineola	Fritz Hall, Lotta	"	3	105	1		51	1000
Henson Creek	L P Dellinger,	Spear, N C	L S Vance, Spear			30				
Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton		L C Shell, Jonas Ridge	1st	14	131	1		135	1000
Minneapolis	D M Wheeler		W W Pyatte, Minneapolis	3rd		99	1		120	1500
Mt Pleasant	N S Hampton		H S Burleson, Hughes	2nd	6	87	1		70	1000
Newland	J R Hodges		J M Gragg, Newland	1st		115	1		98	1100
Oak Grove	Bert Harold		Bertha Barker, Newland	3rd	12	76			90	500
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker,	Johnson City	Baxter Ollis, Frank	1st	17	235	1		197	3000
Pleasant Valley	N S Hampton		Mrs S M Pressnell, Elk Park	3rd	10	73	1		110	500
Powder Mill	Chas Buchanan,		T J Green, Senia	2nd	8	46	1		80	500
Roaring Creek	B B Styles		J G Hughes, Valley	"	24	93	1		116	1200
Yellow Mtn	J Henline		J W Teams, Spear	4th	9	93	1		156	1200

Ed W. Buchanan Clerk Avery Baptist Association
N. S. Hampton Moderator " " "

TABLE II.- GIFTS TO MISSIONS ETC.

CHURCHES	Co-op. Program	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Building & Repairs	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Clerk & Minutes	Hospitals	Orphanage	Total Missions and Benevolence	GRAND TOTAL	TREASURER & P. O.
Aaron	20.00	103.94	114.68	75.00				3.00				382.38	T. W. Childers, Montezuma
Beech Mtn		135.94	31.75	2.75				3.26			5.00	545.06	
Big Meadow	9.85	102.16	41.42	17.00				2.35		10.69	25 00	272.85	
Belview		68.00	35.00					2.00			25.00	175.00	Geo Tolley, Cranberry
Crossnore		150.00	100.00	22.00		11.60			7.40	40.00	59.00	539.00	
Cranberry		107.28	27.85					2.00				139 13	S Staton, Cranberry
Chestnut Dale		122.54	20.65	100.00				1.50				274 34	D S Hoffman, Hughes
Elk Valley		106.75	125.00					2.00		3.50		288.55	D T Bailiff, Memory
Elk Park		120.00	78.00	50.00					1.65	12 08		296 75	S C Carroll, Elk Park
Flat Springs		45.73	17.00	9.00				2.00		2.50		91.09	R M Green, Whaley
Green Valley	9.22	154.77	36.03	113.30	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.25		42 10	46 49	381 49	R L Hall, Spruce Pine
Henson Creek													
Jonas Ridge	15.10	100.00	34.10					3.00			15.10	173.34	M E Shell, Jonas Ridge
Minneapolis		66.85	3.00					3.00		53 25	55.00	135 00	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis
Mt Pleasant		62.94	40.00	600.00				1.00			3 35	721.29	H S Burleson, Hughes
Newland	208.56	500.00	100.	300.				5.00		98.97	307 63	1711.23	D P Bridges, Newland
Oak Grove		175.00						1.00				175 00	
Pleasant Hill	8.00	287.57	10.00	127.00				3.00			20.00	474.76	N E Hicks, Frank
Pleasant Valley	8.09	75.00	22.16	120.00				2.05		.50		161 80	W P Hicks, Elk Park
Powder Mill		60.66		30.00				.40				90.66	
Roaring Creek		94.05	27.66	200.00				3.55				355.66	N V Hughes, Valley
Yellow Mtn		79.00						1.00				185.39	

TABLE III.-- SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT. & P. O.	SECRETARY	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 years	Primaries 6-8 years	Juniors 9-12 years	Intermediates 13-16 years	Young People 17-24 years	Adults 25 years up	Cradle Roll Under 6 years	Home Dept.	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School G. aded?	Is it Standard A—1?	Teachers with Normal Dip.	Baptisms From School	Gifts to local Church Work	To Missions, Orphanage &c
Aaron	T. W. Childers, Montezuma	Miss Hazel Ledford	12	6	8	17	18	22	14	9	.....	102	90	yes	no	..	..	39.76	6.00
Beech Mtn	D C Cook, Whaley	Mrs Will Cook	19	8	18	34	25	24	30	36	20	224	100	yes	no	2		55.13	1.22
Big Meadow	E. O. Pyatte, Pyatte		19	15	17	20	24	15	17	7		134	134	yes	no			10.00	10.00
Belview	A D Ollis, Cranberry	Geo Tolley	5	10	14	15	18		8			75	70	no	no			158.00	
Crossnore	P L Johnson, Crossnore	Florence Johnson	17	20	25	35	35	38	40	35	24	235	83	yes	no	8	3	200.00	40.00
Cranberry	Union.		9	36	20	28	18	12	75	8		204	125	yes	no	Union			
Chestnut Dale	Chas Stafford, Hughes		10									96	75	no	no			100.00	
Elk Valley	H M Horney, Memory	Mrs L Riddle										75	45	no	no			35.00	
Elk Park	R N Cardwell, Elk Park	S C Carroll	8	8	8	20	12	6	20	4		86	40	yes	no		3	35.00	14.00
Flat Springs	R J Norris, Beech Creek	Mary Green	7	8	6	5		8	12			46	40	yes	no	1		12.00	2.50
Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Lotta	Ethel Ollis	7	10	10	12			12			51	35	no	no	1	2	46.55	8.60
Henson Creek	B Pitman. Spear											30							
Jonas Ridge	M E Shell, Jonas Ridge	L G Barrier	10	20	15	20	20	10	20	20		135	100	no	no		14	22.00	
Minneapolis	V W Green, Minneapolis	Hope Burleson	15	14	6	22	21	11	14	25		120	90	yes	no			36.00	
Mt Pleasant	Jess Buchanan, Hughes	J A Vance	6	8	10	12	15	20				70	35	no	no			35.00	
Newland	R T Teague, Newland	S B Lacy	12	18	6	16	26	28				98	75	yes	yes	9		140.00	75.00
Oak Grove													70						
Pleasant Hill	W Buchanan, Minneapolis	Nell Hicks	12	40	20	30	25		60			197	145	no	no			98.00	20.00
Pleasant Valley	L McGuire, Elk Park	W P Hicks	13	8	15	17	10	13	16	6		110	60	yes	yes	12	7	50.00	
Powder Mill	R L Buchanan, Senia	Joda Green	8	16	10	10	14	10	12			80	60	yes	no			30.00	
Roaring Creek	C G Oaks, Valley	Maggie Hobson	10	5	13	11	8	22	38	9		116	100	yes	no		24	60.00	
Yellow Mtn	D Buchanan, Spear	Arnold Wiseman	12	15	24	20	18	25	27	15		155	80	yes	no	5		75.00	

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17th ANNUAL SESSION

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Avery County Baptist Association

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Jonas Ridge Church

AUGUST 23—24, 1928

Next session to be held with Yellow Mountain on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1929.
Rev. W. J. Norton to preach the Annual Sermon;
Rev. E. M. Johnson, alternate.

Will H. McGuire's Print, Brookside, N. C.

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AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Nominations

Executive Committee: R. T. Teague Chmn., Ed W. Buchanan Sec'y., H. S. Burleson, J. D. Braswell, and J. L. Pyatte.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: D. Buchanan, P. L. Johnson and R. A. Shoemaker.

To Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. W. J. Norton.

To write on for next session:—

Order of Business: J. R. Hodges, with the Moderator.
Missions: W. J. Norton.
Education: R. T. Teague.
Temperance: E. M. Johnson.
Obituaries: D. Buchanan.
Periodicals: D. P. Bridges.
Orphanage: J. L. Pyatte.
Hospitals: Chas. Vance.
Resolutions: T. W. Childers.
Sunday Schools: Luther McGuire.
Place and Preacher: N. A. Buchanan.
State of Churches: R. M. Greene.
Finance: J. G. Buchanan.
Ministerial Relief: P. L. Johnson.
Pastoral Support: W. W. Pyatte.
Woman's Work: Mrs. D. P. Bridges.
B. Y. P. U.: Miss Corda Franklin.

PROCEEDINGS

The Association met with Jonas Ridge church August 23, 1928 at 10 A. M.

Song service. Prayer by J. M. Whitaker for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Order of business read and adopted.

Devotion conducted by R. T. Teague. Prayer by W.M Francum.

Letters called for and 18 rec'd. On motion the special items only were read by R. T. Teague and D. Buchanan.

Correspondents and visitors invited and the following responded:

J. A. McKaughan of the State Mission Board.

W. M. Francum and J. H. McFall of Catawba Association.

J. Henline and Will Turbyfill of Mitchell.

ORGANIZATION

N. S. Hampton was elected Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan Clk.

Sermon by J. Henline. Subject: Soldiers of the Cross. An able and impressive sermon. Prayer by D. P. Bridges.

On motion J. A. McKaughan discussed Periodicals and in interest of the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and Home and Foreign Fields.

Delegates assigned homes.

Dr. F. P. Gaines, Pres. Wake Forest College, and J. A. McMillan were at this time welcomed with us.

Adjourned with prayer by J. A. McKaughan.

AFTERNOON

Met 1: 30 p. m. Devotion by N. S. Hampton. Prayer by F. P. Gaines.

Committees appointed as follows:

Missions—R. T. Teague, J. A. McKaughan.
Temperance—W. M. Francum, J. M. Whitaker.
Education—W. J. Norton, Dr. F. P. Gaines.
Obituaries—L G Reid, N A Buchanan.
Periodicals—J A McKaughan, J R Hodges.
Orphanage—Charles Vance, Will Turbyfill.
Hospitals—D Buchanan, D M Phillips.
Resolutions—Mrs J L Pyatte, R M Green.
Place and Preacher—N A Buchanan, D Buchanan, Tom Clark.
Sunday Schools—E M Johnson, J Henline.
State of Churches—R M Green, Chas Vance.

Finance—J G Buchanan, M E Shell, J A Dyson.
Ministerial Relief—D P Bridges.
Pastoral Support—R T Teague.
Nominations—D P Bridges, Cordie Franklin, L C Shell.
Woman's Work—Mrs Dock Ollis, Mrs D P Bridges.

Motion carried to let Crossnore B.Y.P.U. class put on a program tonight.

Report on Education called for. Report not being ready, motion carried to discuss the subject and Dr. F. P. Gaines made an interesting address. Also, R. T. Teague, J. A. McMillan, and W. M. Francum discussed the subject.

Report adopted later.

Hospitals was discussed by D. P. Bridges, R. T. Teague, D. Buchanan, J. A. McKaughan, and N. S. Hampton.

Adjourned with prayer by E. M. Johnson.

EVENING SESSION

Met at 7: 30 p. m. Called to order by the Moderator.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read and adopted.

The Class from Crossnore put on a program. Subject: Christ in the World and Unrecognized.

The program was received with much interest.

Rev. J. Henline made an interesting address, using the subject: "The fool hath said in his heart 'there is no GOD.' "

Song, and a general reconsecration to the Lord's work.

Adjourned with prayer by W. J. Norton.

SECOND DAY, August 24

Met at 9: 30 a. m. Devotion by Will Turbyfill. Prayer by J. G. Buchanan. Everybody joined in the song, How Firm a Foundation, led by E. M. Johnson.

Report on Orphanage read, and discussed by Chas. Vance, Will Turbyfill, N. S. Hampton, J. A. McKaughan, E. M. Johnson, L. C. Shell, N. A. Buchanan, D. Buchanan, R. T. Teague.

On motion the following committee was appointed to work in the interest of our orphanage at Thomasville:

D Buchanan, L C Shell, N A Buchanan, Mrs Dock Ollis, R T Teague, D T Bailiff, R M Greene, and Chas Vance.

Report on Missions read and discussed by J. A. McKaughan, W. M. Francum and adopted.

Report on Temperance read. Discussed by W. M. Francum, J. Henline, N. S. Hampton, and R. T. Teague.

On motion the Association goes on Record Unanimously Uphold-

ing the 18th Amendment and Against the Wet Tammany Issue.

Adjourned with prayer by E. M. Johnson.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

Met at 1: 30 p. m. Song service. Prayer by J. M. Whitaker.

Report on Sunday Schools read. Discussed by E. M. Johnson, J. Henline, N. S. Hampton, and N. A. Buchanan and adopted.

Report on State of Churches read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read and discussed by Mrs. Dock Ollis and Miss Corda Franklin and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Finance Report read and adopted with instructions to the Clerk to call on the churches for more Minute Funds, if needed.

Treasurer's Report adopted.

The Report of D. P. Bridges on salary of A. R. Waters read and adopted with instructions to the churches that owe this pledge to see that this is paid.

Report on Place and Preacher read and adopted.

The Association closed one of its best sessions with song, Amazing Grace, and prayer by J. Henline.

N. S. HAMPTON,
Moderator
Pineola, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN,
Clerk.
Minneapolis, N. C.

Ordained Ministers

Pastors

J. L. Dellinger	D. A. Greene	J. R. Hodges
N. S. Hampton	Bert Harold	E. M. Johnson
W. J. Norton	B. B. Styles	D. M. Wheeler
J. M. Whitaker.		

Not Pastors

W. A. Braswell	D. P. Bridges	Warney Gwinn
S. A. Hughes	S. M. Pitman	L. W. Suderth
Isaac W. Woody	W. M. Gardner.	

Licensed

J. G. Hughes. Ham Hobson.

Roll of Delegates

Aaron— J. G. Buchanan.

Beech Mountain — Roy McGuire, T. F. Cook.

Big Meadow— D. M. Phillips, J. A. Dyson, Tom Carpenter, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Pyatte.

Bellview— Mr & Mrs Dewey Gouge, H Ollis, Edith Tolley, Kate Calhoun.

Crossnore— Chrs Vance, P. L. Johnson, Miss Corda Franklin.

Cranberry— Mrs Dillie Green, Mrs Clyde Green, Mrs Brown Ollis Mrs D W Mackie, Flossie Julian.

Elk Valley— D T Bailiff.

Flat Springs— R M Greene.

Green Valley— Mrs Dock Ollis, Mrs Bob Pitman.

Jonas Ridge— L C Shell, J C Singleton, J D Clark, Joe Johnson.

Minneapolis— E M Johnson, Mrs E E McKinney, Nora Hicks, Mrs E M Johnson.

Newland— J R Hodges, R T Teague, D P Bridges, Mr and Mrs T W Hopkins, Beatrice Teague, R A Shoemaker.

Oak Grove— J A Ledford, Willie Lane.

Pleasant Hill— J M Whitaker, N A Buchanan, Billie Buchanan, Baxter Ollis, Mrs W I Cooper, Omer Buchanan, Ben Buchanan.

Pleasant Valley— Walter Hicks, Evert Hicks.

Yellow Mountain— D. Buchanan, J. W. Teem.

REPORTS

MISSIONS

Jesus commands us to go into all the world and make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe all his commands. He promises to be with us always, if we do this.

In North Carolina last year there were 634 churches that did not make a single disciple, and thousands of churches that made no effort whatever to reach a single soul outside their own borders. In our own dear county of Avery more than half of the members of Missionary Baptist churches and about half our churches are not missionary at all. Our supreme task then is to enlist the multiplied thousands of our members who are not contributing a penny of that which God has entrusted to them to the on-going of his Kingdom.

May God in his great mercy show us the error of our ways and give us the grace necessary to do our duty!

R. T. Teague
J. A. McKaughan.

PERIODICALS

Baptists have grown in the last one hundred years from a small band to a great host in North Carolina.

Baptist papers have been one of the agencies in this growth. They have gone into homes informing them on the doctrines of the Bible, and the need of the world for the gospel and our duty to send it.

The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and Home and Foreign Fields should be in every Baptist home that we may be informed and in action.

J. A. McKaughan, J. R. Hodges, Com.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Last year 20 churches reported 2,127 members; this year eighteen churches report 1,801 members.

Last year 20 churches paid pastors $2548.06. This year fifteen churches paid pastors $1850.80, an average of $123.30 per church.

Last year 20 churches reported financial expenses including pastors' salaries, $6,577.90. This year 18 churches reported financial expense of $5,350.00.

Last year 10 churches paid Orphanage $255.69. This year 8 churches paid Orphanage $188.97.

Last year 19 churches reported Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 2,196. This year 18 churches reported Sunday Schools

with an enrollment of 2,110.

This year 2 churches reported W. M. U.'s.

This year 2 churches reported B. Y. P. U.'s.

This year 17 churches reported 127 baptisms.

We find a decrease in all Objects. We beg that we press forward and not backward.

R. M. Greene,
Chas. Vance.

OBITUARIES

Ever since Adam fell, death has been abroad in the land, visiting the homes of the rich and the poor alike, into the greatest palaces as well as in the lowliest hovls to claim its victims. Christ himself tasted death on the cross that we might be saved.

In this Association last year we lost 18 by death. They, like Paul, have fought a good fight, finished their course and have received their crowns.

May we each live such lives that it can be truthfully said that "to die is gain."

L. G. Reid, N. A. Buchanan.

* Our Dead *

Mr Bud Ledford, Wade Sudderth, W. M. Harmon, Lucy Guy, Lanta Church, Mary Ann Trivett, R. F. McGuire, Rebecca Cook, Ruth Vance, Lucy Houston, A. E. Norman, Effie Grindstaff, B. A. Ollis, Ella Pyatte, Ellen Beard, Goulder Hicks, Jane Stansberry, Margaret McKinney, T. S Burleson.

EDUCATION

This is a faith testing age. Our boys and girls need to be educated by Christ-like teachers; teachers with the Kingdom of God within them. Those who are able to teach students to "seek first the kingdom of God and all these other things shall be added unto them.'

To educate a person means more than to teach him to know text books. It means preparing of a person to be a citizen of God's Kingdom; to prepare not only for a living, but for a life.

We recommend Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, and the other Baptist schools for our boys and girls to attend.

We commend the Board of Education, Supt. Teague and the school committeemen of Avery county for trying to give us teachers whose examples are worthy to be followed.

W. J. Norton,
F. P. Gaines.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Let's view the task that lies before us. In our Association there are around 4,200 possibilities. We are reaching only 1,611. We cannot expect to reach these until we get trained teachers, and those that may become such, to attend the Fifth Sunday Meetings as was announced by the Sunday School con.

E. M. Johnson,
J. Henline, Com.

B. Y. P. U.

There never was a time in the history of man when temptations were more numerous and when the way of the world was more alluring to youths. The young people who stand the present day test indeed are jewels and are to be commended. Young people must express themselves in activity there isn't anything better than working for God. The B.Y.P.U. is the training camps of the Baptist church in which young people learn to testify for their King.

Let each delegate who is interested secure a copy of the B.Y.P.U. Manual and familiarize themselves with the work.

Corda Franklin.

WOMAN'S WORK

Every Baptist woman in our association should be a W. M. U. worker. We need more workers today than ever before. For our Lord says: Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations and we are glad the sisters have a part in this work.

The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few. Let us pray God that he will put it into the hearts of the women to do more for Him who gave his life for us that we might have a home in that Glory Land.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges,
Mrs. D. Buchanan
Mrs. Dock Ollis.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We, the Baptist people, should ask ourselves, Do we love our orphan children? We have near 1000 in the Orphanage, and many are turned away for lack of room and 360,000 white Baptists of the State are many unconcerned.

Fifty to 100 are turned away each month. We ask that each church have a special service every three months. We ask that each church gather up this Fall and send them a car load of potatoes and such other produce as we have and ship from Spruce Pine.

The Association only gave the Orphanage $188.97 and only eight churches report anything.

Rev. Will Turbyfill, Chas. Vance, Com.

After the discussion, motion carried that we ask the Association to give the first Sunday in each month's eggs to the Orphanage this year, and that each Sunday School give their offering once each month.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

The healing of the sick is just as much a part of the Gospel as preaching. In Matt. 4: 33 we read: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching and healing all manner of diseases."

We ask that each church make an offering on Mothers' Day for our hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C.

By the Clerk.

REPORT of D. P. BRIDGES on WATERS SALARY

Subscribed last year at association and not paid:

Roaring Creek	$ 5.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Minneapolis	5.00
Chestnut Dale	2.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Big Meadows	2.50
Pleasant Valley	3.00
	$21.50
Paid on this year	83.30
	$104.80

TEMPERANCE

The wise man Solomon said, "Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

The great subject of temperance needs much of our attention. It is wrecking many lives and homes. We, as God's people, should stand by the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution and help our officers to enforce the law.

We believe that we should lay greater stress upon temperance education and law observance in our churches and schools.

We reaffirm our faith in the Anti-Saloon League to carry on the fight against the liquor traffic and pledge to the Leage our support.

St. Paul said, "Be temperate in all teings." We should be temperate in eating, conversation, and pleasures of life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Story,
W. M. Francum } Com.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

For the year 1927-28 the 1801 church members paid the pastors in Avery Association $1850 60, a yearly average of $1.03 and a monthly average of 9 cents. For the year 1926-27 the 2311 church members paid the pastors $2718.18 a yearly average of $1.18 and a monthly average of less than ten cents. I am quite sure that the Baptists of this association paid more than this for tobacco, soft drinks, movies, or even cosmetics. Brethren, these things ought not to be. Let us in the name of God do better.

R. T. Teague.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This Board has two departments:

1. The charity department.
2. The annuity feature.

The churches are urged take offerings during the Christmas holidays for this Board to help old worn out preachers who are destitute

Respectfully, D. P. Bridges.

RESOLUTION

Offered by Pleasant Hill Church.

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom deemed it wise to call from our midst our friend and brother, B. A. OLLIS who was a constant member of the Baptist church for 52 years. We offer this, feeling that it will offer comfort to those that are left as standard bearers.

This was his last admonition that he tried the Baptist faith for 52 years and would advise against preachers who are not legally authorized to preach, and to close your doors to any but those that have the harness on to preach the Word.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That a copy of this be printed in our Association Minutes and a copy placed on our Church Record.

Respectfully,

J. M. Whitaker,
Pastor

Ed W. Buchanan
N. A. Buchanan } Com
C. L. Hicks

Baxter Ollis, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions resolve:

First, That each delegate of this association go back to its church and try to carry out what we have heard so earnestly discussed in this body.

What is the use for us to meet each year and listen to God-sent men speak to us and tell us our duty and let it go in at one ear and

out at the other, unheeded? Is this the way our Lord wants us to do? If we don't go to work in more earnestness I believe we will be held accountable in the the Great Day.

Second, That we tender our thanks to the Jonas Ridge Baptist church, Methodist church, and the community for their hospitality and kind support of this association.

Respectfully your committee,

Mrs. J. L. Pyatte,
R. M. Green.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We wish to submit the following:

Received for Finance, - - - - - - $22.52.

We recommend that the churches be a bit more liberal with their Minute Fund, and that our clerk receive $8.00 for his service.

J. G. Buchanan, M. E. Shell, J. A. Dyson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Com.,	$40.10
From S. S. Convention,	7.75
Bal. from last year,	4.60
Total,	$52.45

Disbursed:

For Printing Minutes,	$32.50
Fee allowed,	8.00
Postage & Stationery,	5.00
Total,	$45.50

To Balance, $6.95.

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk & Treas.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Yellow Mtn. on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August 1929; and that Rev. W. J. Norton preach the annual sermon, Rev. E. M. Johnson his alternate.

N. A. Buchanan, D. Buchanan, Tom Clark.

TABLE I.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	Meeting Day Sundays	Baptisms	Total Members	Revivals Held	Sunday School Enrollment	Total Value Church Property
Aaron	J. R. Hodges, Newland, N.C.	Bertha Pritchard, Montezuma	.....	..	118	..	102	$6000
Beech Mtn	D. M. Wheeler, Bamboo "	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge	1st	8	220	2	132	1000
Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton, Pineola "	E. O. Pyatte, Pyatte	2nd	8	124	2	178	2000
Bellview	J M Whitaker, Johnson City	A D Ollis, Cranberry	1st	1	63	1	90	500
Crossnore	W J Norton, Crossnore	Chas Vance, Crossnore	Every	43	183	1	247	3000
Cranberry	J M Whitaker, J. City, Tenn	C A Johnson, Cranberry	1st		133	1	135	
Chestnut Dale	D M Wheeler, Bamboo	Nettie Johnson, Hughes	4th		101	1	111	3000
Elk Valley	F C Watts, Purlear	D T Bailiff, Memory		5	79	1	66	1000
Elk Park	J R Hodges, Newland							
Flat Springs	D A Green, Clearcy, N.C.	J W Greene, Whaley	4th		89	1	40	800
Green Valley	N S Hampton, Pineola	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	4th		104	1	52	1000
Henson Creek	J. L. Dellinger, Spear	Paul Marcus, Spear	3rd		29	1	40	600
Jonas Ridge	W. J. Norton, Crossnore	M E Shell, Jonas Ridge	1st		64	1	132	1200
Minneapolis	E M Johnson, Minneapolis	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis	3rd	6	106	2	108	2500
Mt. Pleasant	N S Hampton, Pineola							
Newland	J. R. Hodges, Newland	R A Shoemaker, Newland	1—3	1	117	1	127	1400
Oak Grove	Bert Harold, Newland							
Pleasant Hill	J M Whitaker, Johnson City	Baxter Ollis, Frank	1st	6	237	1	167	3000
Pleasant Valley	N. S. Hampton, Pineola	Mrs Libbie Gwinn, Elk Park	1st	6	77	1	91	500
Powder Mill	B. B. Styles, Barnsville	Geo. Watson, Senia	1st	14	43	1	53	500
Roaring Creek	B. B. Styles, "	J G Hughes, Valley	2nd	5	111	1	128	1250
Yellow Mtn.	E. M. Johnson, Minneapolis	J. W. Teem, Spear	4th		92	1	77	1400

Ed W. Buchanan Clerk of Avery Association, Minneapolis, N. C.
N. S. Hampton, Moderator " " Pineola, "

TABLE II.- FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Co-op. Program	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Building & Repairs	State Missions	Home Missions	Clerk and Minutes	Schools & Colleges	Hospitals	Orphan-age	Local Poor	GRAND TOTAL
Aaron		91.19		1.44			1.00					
Beech Mtn		103.00	26.00	69.25			2.30			5.25	5.10	236.13
Big Meadow		90.00	34.25	2.40			2.00		2.50		15.00	199.05
Bellview		52.25	15.00	20.00			1.30				75.00	141.98
Crossnore		330.25	78.00	20.00			2.00			26.40	31.25	669.31
Cranberry		25.00					2.00					77.00
Chestnut Dale		104.45	10.00				1.00				7.00	173.00
Elk Valley		110.10	22.00	50.00			1.00				5.00	226.10
Elk Park												
Flat Springs		47.88	4.65				1.00					72.50
Green Valley	3.39	116.50			1.50	2.00	2.00			17.40	27.01	167.36
Henson Creek												
Jonas Ridge		81.10	15.00				1.50	14.00			10.00	139.60
Minneapolis		68.99	23.17	28.00			2.00			10.00	15.00	138.10
Mt. Pleasant												
Newland	175.12	500.00	60.00	65.00			5.00	17.00		122.06	145.41	1368.09
Oak Grove							1.00					
Pleasant Hill		132.00	40.00	50.00			1.50			15.00	88.00	360.50
Pleasant Valley	8.20	74.86	35.88				.62	3.25		3.25	40.00	147.35
Powder Mill		63.82	22.95								17.30	102.25
Roaring Creek.		77.94	39.89	48.75			1.50				42.28	219.36
Yellow Mtn.		49.87	11.14	12.00	5.00		1.10			9.00	20.00	135.00

Ed W. Buchanan Clerk. N. S. Hampton Moderator.

TABLE III.- SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT. & PO.	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3—5 years	Primary 6—8	Juniors 9—12	Intermediate 13—16 years	Young People 17—24 years	Adults 25 yrs and Up	Cradle Roll	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers with Normal Dip.	Baptism From School	Gifts to Local Church Work	To Missions, Orphanage &c
Aaron	Harlin Ledford, Montezuma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Mtn	Conard Cook, Whaley																
Big Meadow	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte	17	22	20	22	24	13			178	89	yes	no	3	7	51.90	10.00
Bellview	A. D. Ollis, Cranberry																
Crossnore	P. L. Johnson, Crossnore	19	12	16	30	21	75			173		yes	ys	20	43	100.00	250.00
Cranberry	(Union)																
Chestnut Dale	John Franklin, Hughes	10	17	8	18	24	24		10	111	78	no	no	1		18.00	18.00
Elk Valley	H. M. Horney, Memory	6	3	12	8	9	12	12		66	36	no	no				
Elk Park	No report.																
Flat Springs	W. C. Phillips, Whaley	6								40	35	no	no			15.00	15.00
Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	7	12	10	10	12	11			52	35	no	no	1		25.00	25.00
Henson Creek	No report.																
Jonas Ridge	M. E. Shell, Jonas Ridge	11	10	12	20	25	20	18		132	85	no	no			32.00	
Minneapolis	Stokes Buchanan, Minneapolis	8	15	15	10	10	12		6	108	69	no	no			15.00	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	No report.																
Newland	R. T. Teague, Newland	12	13	6	10	21	16	19	20	127	65	yes	ys	9	1	116.25	116.17
Oak Grove	No report.																
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minn'lis	14	25	14	24	10	25	40	12	165	95	no	no	1	6	65.00	15.00
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	11	8	12	12	14	14	19	6	91	38	yes	ys	16	5	19.00	4.00
Powder Mill	R. L. Buchanan, Senia	6	10	5	10	10		12		52	45	no	no				
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley	10	12	8	14	16	34		10	128	75	no	no			42.28	
Yellow Mtn.	M. K. Carswell, Spear	8	10	12	7	15	10	17		77	40	yes	no	5		61.50	2.65

MINUTES

— Of The —

Avery County Baptist S. S. Convention,

July 19, 1928.

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THE Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention met at 10 a. m. with Minneapolis church.

Song service led by E. M. Johnson.

Devotion conducted by R. T. Teague. Subject: Obedience.

Prayer by D. P. Bridges for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

ORGANIZATION

E. M. Johnson was elected Chairman and E. W. Buchanan Sec.

Letters called for and the following received:

Big Meadow, Bellview, Crossnore, Chestnut Dale, Green Valley, Minneapolis, Newland, Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Valley.

Program read and adopted.

Sermon by W. J. Norton. Text Luke 1: 15. Theme, True Greatness. An able and impressive sermon.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

AFTERNOON,—FIRST DAY

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotion by E. M. Johnson. He read the 90th Psalm, making fitting remarks from same. Prayer by Miss Corda Franklin.

Committees appointed as follows with the first named as Ch'mn.:

Program— R. T. Teague, W. J. Norton, R. Z. Burleson.

Resolution— D. P. Bridges, J. L. Pyatte, Dock Ollis.

Time and Place— Corda Franklin, Mrs Dock Ollis, L McGuire.

Finance— Ed W Buchanan, H J Pyatte, J W Holtsclaw.

Subjects discussed as follows:

No. 1. Should each S. S. strive to attain the standard?

By Luther McGuire, W. J. Norton and D. P. Bridges.

No. 2. Best methods to keep S. S. graded and standard.

By R. T. Teague.

Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned with prayer by D. P. Bridges.

SECOND DAY,— JULY 20

Met at 9: 30. Singing by Pleasant Hill choir.

Devotion by Luther McGuire.

Subject No. 3. Best methods for training young people for Christian service. Ably discussed by Miss Corda Franklin.

No. 4. Best method of preparing and teaching the lesson.

By W. J. Norton, Corda Franklin, J. L. Pyatte, E. M. Johnson.

Bro. A. R. Waters, W. N.C. Sunday school Worker, was welcomed and also ably discussed the subject.

Rev. P. A. Hicks and I G. Greer of Boone were at this time given a welcome.

Sermon by Bro. Hicks. Theme: The S. S. Work.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

Met at 1 p. m.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

REPORT

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to this church and community for the fine manner in which they have entertained this convention.— D. P. Bridges, J. L. Pyatte, Dock Ollis.

Bro. I. G. Greer gave an interesting address on teaching the Bible

Report on Time and Place read and adopted.

REPORT

We ask to submit the following: We recommend that the next session be held with Green Valley on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1929. Respectfully,

Corda Franklin, Louise Ollis, Luther McGuire.

Report on Finance adopted.

REPORT

Received from:

Chestnut Dale	$ .50
Green Valley	1.00
Bellview	1.27
Big Meadow	1.00
Pleasant Valley	.20
Total,	$3.97

We recommend that our Minutes be printed with our association minutes. Respectfully,

Ed W. Buchanan, H. J. Pyatte, J. W. Holtsclaw.

Adjourned with song, Never Grow Old, and a general handshake.

E. M. JOHNSON, Chairman,

ED W. BUCHANAN, Secretary.

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Eighteenth Annual Session

— OF —

AVERY COUNTY

Baptist Association

— HELD WITH —

Yellow Mountain, August 23-24, 1929.

Next session to be held with
ROARING CREEK, P. O. VALLEY, N. C.,
On Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August
1930

Rev. W. J. Norton to preach the Annual Sermon,
Rev. I. W. Woody his Alternate.

Will H. McGuire's Print, Brookside, N. C.

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AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE,— By Compact Fields.

Field No. 1. R. T. Teague Chairman:
Aaron, Newland, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant.

Field No. 2. Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y.:
Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale, Roaring Creek, Minneapolis.

Field No. 3. D. Buchanan:
Yellow Mtn., Green Valley, Henson Creek, Powder Mill.

Field No. 4. Chas. E. Miller:
Pineola, Crossnore, Jonas Ridge, Big Meadow.

Field No. 5. Luther McGuire:
Elk Park, Elk Valley, Pleasant Valley, Cranberry, Belview, Beech Mountain, Flat Springs.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention:
R. A. Shoemaker, Ed W. Buchanan.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention:
Miss Corda Franklin.

To Write on for Next Session:
Order of Business, C. E. Miller with the Moderator.
Missions, R. T. Teague.
Education, D. P. Bridges.
Temperance, R. T. Lewis.

Obituaries, J. L. Pyatte.
Periodicals, Millard Pritchard.
Orphanage, Luther McGuire.
Hospitals, D. Buchanan.
Resolutions, J. G. Buchanan.
Sunday Schools, Chas. Vance.
Place and Preacher, T. W. Childers.
State of Churches, R. M. Greene.
Finance, John W. Taylor.
Ministerial Relief, L. W. Sudderth.
Pastoral Support, Tom Clark.
Woman's Work, Mrs. D. P. Bridges.
B. Y. P. U., Miss Corda Franklin.

We recommend that Miss Corda Franklin be asked to look after Woman's Work and that the churches pay her expenses. Yellow Mountain pledges $5.00 on this.

Respectfully,
J. R. Hodges,
R. L. Hall, Com.

CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and develoning their energies and their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovreignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the Body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes hetrodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates, as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendence and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session, after the name of the Delegates are enrolled, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

As soon as the officers have taken their seats, the Body shall be declared organized and ready for business.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve impor-

tant data of the Association.

Art. 13 This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

By the Committee on Revision.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2nd. During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3d. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with and closed with religious exercises.

4th. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject nor longer than Twenty Minutes without permission from the Body

6th. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read, or move about the house during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

7th. The business of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Read and enroll names of delegates and ordained ministers.
2. Organize.
3. Appoint Committees.
4. Annual Sermon.

5th. Invite Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers to seats.

6th. Call the names of those churches that failed to represent themselves at the previous session and inquire their reason for such failure.

7th. Reception of new churches.

8th. Reports of Committees and discussions.

9th. Miscellaneous Business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

10th. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

18th Annual Session of the AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE Association met with Yellow Mountain church Friday, August 23, at 10 A. M. Song service led by E. M. Johnson.

Prayer led by J. M. Whitaker.

Order of Business read and adopted.

Devotional service was conducted by D. A. Greene.

Letters called for and 17 received. H. M. Stroup and Ed W. Buchanan were appointed reading clerks.

New churches were called for and received an application from Pineola Baptist church (See Reports.) On recommendation of Bros. J. Henline and N. S. Hampton the church was received.

Pineola, N. C., August 15, 1929.

To the Avery County Missionary Baptist Association, to convene with Yellow Mountain Baptist church Aug. 23—24, 1929.

Dear Brethren:

We, the Missionary Baptist church of Pineola, were duly organized January 11, 1925.

Presbytery consisted of:

Elder Lloyd Sudderth,
Elder D. P. Kilgore,
Elder J. W. P. Hill.

The Church Covenant, Articles of Faith and Rules for Service were furnished us by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. We believe ourselves to be one of you in faith and practice, and humbly pray to unite with your fellowship.

Done by order of the church.

N. S. Hampton, Moderator,
C. H. S. Benfield, Clerk.

With unanimous consent Dr. W. M. Gilmore gave the delegates and pastor the right hand of fellowship.

Visiting brethren and correspondents were at this time asked to let themselves be known and the following responded:

Rev. E. J. Kinley of Concord, N. C., Revs. W. M. Francum, H. M. Stroup, Will Turbyfill, D. A. Greene and J. Henline of Mitchell Co; Revs. J. M. Whitaker and R. C. Brown of Johnson City, Tenn.

and W. M. Page of Roanoak, Va., W. M. Gilmore, of the State Board, and M. L. Kesler, Manager of the Mills Home were welcomed by the Moderator.

N. S. Hampton was elected Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan Clerk for the ensuing year.

Committees appointed as follows:
Missions, J. Henline, W. M. Gilmore.
Education, R. T. Teague, J. R. Hodges.
Orphanage, J L Pyatte, M L Kesler.
Hospitals, W M Francum, R T Lewis.
Ministerial Relief, H M Stroup, W M Page.
Temperance, E M Johnson, J Henline, Will Turbyfill.
Obituaries, D Buchanan, H H Vance.
Periodicals, D P Bridges, W M Page.
Resolutions, D P Bridges, N A Buchanan.
Sunday Schools, L McGuire, H M Stroup.
State of Churches, R M Greene, D Buchanan.
Place and Preacher, N A Buchanan, D Buchanan, J C Stanley.
Finance, J G Buchanan, R L Hall, J W Taylor.
Pastoral Support, W W Pyatte, W M Francum.
Woman's Work, Mrs D P Bridges, Mrs Dock Ollis.
B Y P U, Miss Corda Franklin, Mrs F J Hall.
Nominations, J R Hodges, J L Pyatte, R L Hall.

In the absence of W. J. Norton, Rev E. M. Johnson delivered the annual sermon.

Adjourned for dinner on the grounds with prayer by J. Henline

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Met at 1: 10 p m. Song services lead by E. M. Johnson.
Devotion by L. W. Sudderth.

Report on Missions read by W. M. Gilmore and ably discussed by W. M. Gilmore and D. P. Bridges and adopted.

MISSIONS

Jesus Christ organized his church on earth for the purpose of carrying the good news of salvation through faith in his atoning blood to every creature Nearly two thousand years have passed since His crucifixion and resurrection. Multiplied millions of people have believed on Him as the true Messiah and as their Saviour. But His great commission still lacks much of fulfilment.

There are a billion people in the world today who have never yet heard the name of Jesus. There are over a million people in North

Carolina who are not affiliated with any church organization. There are great numbers of indifferent and unenlisted members of churches. Our task is to win all of these to the side snd service of the Saviour.

To do this more effectively, we have organized our churches, our associations and conventions, which in turn have organized our General Board in this State, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board.

Every dollar sent to our treasurer, Walters Durham, Raleigh, that is not designated, is distributed to the different agencies thru which we are working to carry out the great commission, in proportion to their need according to the following ratio, which has been agreed upon by the Conventions and the different agencies: State Missions 23 cents, Baptist Schools in North Carolina 23 cents, Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem 4 cents; Foreign Missions 25 cents; Home Missions 11¼ cents; Theological Seminaries 8¼ cents; Ministers' Relief and Annuity 4½ cents; Baptist Hospital at New Orleans 1 cent.

We recommend that every member in every one of our churches give as the Lord has prospered him on the first day of the week according to the Bible plan, to all of the causes, and that all of our church treasurers forward promptly at least once a month, such funds as he may have for the Co-operative Program to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

Julius Henline,
Walter M. Gilmore.

Report on Orphanage read by M. L. Kesler and discussed by M. L. Kesler and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT
(Mills Home)

The care and trainlng of children constitute our finest human interest. They are at once the greatest asset or liability.

In improving civilization this interest has become so pronounced that the public has asserted the right to interfere even with the supposed rights of parents, and demands that children everywhere have a gair chance in life. This found completest expression when the Master set the child in the midst and declared, "Of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Forty- four years ago J. H. Mills began the work of the institution which now bears his name.

It has been a haven of refuge for a shorter or longer time, for more than three thousand children.

We have now in the home 635 children—135 of these are in the Kennedy Home, our eastern branch.

There are now 273 children with their own mothers, being cared for by our Mothers' Aid plan. We are working on the larger idea of saving the home, when it can be done, in order to better save the child.

There is behind every child in our care some element of tragedy and sorrow that appeals to the best within us The workers in the Home have the direct responsibility of caring for these, but, it is a vast cooperative task appealing to every Baptist in North Carolina.

Our people have been liberal, but this continued business depression and the strange indifference on the part of many, make a distressing financial situation. We are rolling up a heavy debt. The demands for help grow with the hard times.

Sending children away is unthinkable. So we urge again the once-a-month collection in every Sunday school, a club of Charity and Children in every school possible, and a great Thanksgiving offering that will wipe out our debt. Every association is asked to appoint an orphanage representative.

But every forward looking man and woman in the association is challenged to this blessed task.

J. L. Pyatte, M. L. Kesler.

On motion Rev. N. S. Hampton was appointed Orphanage Man in our association.

Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned with prayer by W. M. Francum.

EVENING SESSION

8 p. m. N. S. Hampton read II. Tim. 2, 1—7. Prayer led by W. M. Francum.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Miss Cordia Franklin and adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

The Church needs trained young people and the young people need the training and encouragement that the Church can give. The hope of the future of the Church is the young people of to-day who are to be the church leaders to-morrow. Therefore let us train through the B. Y. P. U.

If you are interested in the organization just call on us.

Signed by the committee,

Cordia Franklin, Velma Norton, Margaret Teague.

B.Y.P.U. program was rendered by the Crossnore class. Subject:

Lessons we Learn from Jesus about Prayer.

Two songs by Roaring Creek choir were rendered.

Adjourned.

Saturday, August 24

The association met at 9:30 a. m. Song, "Higher Ground", led by E. M. Johnson.

Devotion by Rev. Will Turbyfill. Prayer by Mrs. J. F. Hall.

On motion the reading of the minutes was omitted.

Report on Periodicals was read by D. P. Bridges and discussed by D. P. Bridges, N. S. Hampton, Jesse Greene, N. A. Buchanan, H. M. Stroup and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The word Periodical is from the greek word "periodos" which means around the way, when used in a religious or Theological sense it means around the way of salvation or the way of the Lord. Books and papers that center around religion are Biblical or religious periodicals.

Paul exhorted Timothy: " Give attendance to reading. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We recommend that our people read the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields and especially the Bible.

D. P. Bridges.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by H. M. Stroup and discussed by H. M. Stroup and adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We all recognize to some extent the debt we owe our old ministers, but thus far we have done very little toward paying that debt.

As a rule people make ample provision for animals which have served well their day rather than throwing them on the mercies of charity, but too often we fail to show equal consideration for those who have sacrificed their lives to spiritual things.

Happily, Southern Baptists are waking up to this need and responsibility it carries with it. The last eleven years has shown marked progress along this line. Our Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas, Texas with Dr. T. J. Watts as secretary, has laid up in reserves and endowment the sum of $3,000,000 and has put nearly $1,500,000 into benefits which have gone to the beneficiaries of the Board. The Board is helping 1200 beneficiaries today including 150 orphan children of deceased Baptist ministers, thus giving them about $12.00 per month which is far too small.

Your committee would recommend: 1st That our ministers inform themselves as to this need. 2. That our ministers inform their congregations also as to this need. 3. That an offering be taken in every church at least once a year for this object.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. Stroup,

W. M. Page, Committee.

Report on Hospital read by W. M. Francum and discussed by W. M Francum and N. S. Hampton and adoptod.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

We Baptists have a fine five story Hospital at Winston Salem, N. C.

Dr. Lumpkin and his noble corps of trained nurses minister to the spiritual, as well as the physical wants of their patients.

The healing of the sick is just as much a part of the gospel as preaching. In Matthew 4 :33 we read: Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching and healing all manner of diseases.

We ask that each church in Avery County Association make an offering on Mother's Day for our hospital at Winston Salem, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Lewis W. M. Francum.

Report on Education read by J. R. Hodges and discussed by J. R. Hodges, D. P. Bridges and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Real education is education directed by Christian teachers under a Christian atmosphere from the Christian view-point. For want of this type of school many of our boys and girls are going forth with good mental training but with their faith in God and humanity wrecked, filling the world with selfish money-getters, indifferent church members and full-fledged atheists.

To educate a person means to adjust him to the elements of environment that are of concern in modern life; and to develop, organize, equip and train his powers so that he will make efficient and proper use of them. But whatever education is, in its final analysis, it is the preparing of a person for complete citizenship in God's Kingdom here and hereafter. To build a life, a character, a business, a government, a State or a nation on any other foundation than the principles of Christianity is only to invite its ultimate doom.

It is as much the command of the Master to educate the masses as to evangelize them. Whom we have evangelized we must teach. Teach what? To observe the principles of right living, doing and

thinking; to appreciate and control life, character, Christlikeness, and the principles of righteousness; and to use every talent possessed or acquired to better the condition of the world. The fundemental task and goal of the Kingdom of God is the bringing into the world a new order of citizenship with Jesus the example.

It is a law of pedagogy that a teacher cannot teach that he himself does not have. It is therefore of supreme importance to secure only those teachers who have character and Christlike habits We commend the Board of Education, Superintendent R. T. Teague, and the school committeemen of Avery county for giving us teachers of the above type.

J. R. Hodges,
R. T. Teague, Committee.

Report on Temperance read by E. M. Johnson and discussed by E M. Johnson, Will Turbyfill, D. A. Greene, N. S. Hampton, D. P. Bridges, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We the Committee on Temperance report as follows:

We find plenty of laws of God and man against this disgustful and dangerous question. We find marked failures upon the part of the citizens and church authorities to enforce the laws in civilian and church life.

Let us safely guard all our interests against this destructive age which has crept upon us in strong and soft drink habits. Also be temperate in the luxuries of the day and pleasure seeking etc.

E. M. Johnson,
William Turbyfill, Com.

After the discussion on Temperance, a motion carried to effect a bone-dry league in Avery county, and the Moderator appointed the following committee:

Ed W. Buchanan Chairman, R. Z. Burleson Secretary,
Mrs. F. J. Hall, Garfield Hughes, Mrs. D. Buchanan,
W. W. Pyatte, Luther McGuire, Roy McGuire,
H. M. Horney, Mrs. R. T. Teague, D. T. Weatherman,
R. A. Shoemaker, Cordia Franklin, Millard Pritchard,
J. T. McGuire, T. W. Childers, Joe Johnson,
Tom Clark, J. P. Grindstaff, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte.

Prof. Teague at this time introduced Prof. and Mrs. L.M.Deyton of the teaching faculty of Newland High School.

Prof. Deyton made response.

Woman's Work was discussed by Cordia Franklin and Mrs. Dock Ollis.

WOMAN'S WORK

There are three contributing W. M. S'.s in the association and one Sunbeam Band that contributes to our work.

The total contributions have been for the first year $306 88. This came from Newland, Crossnore, and Elk Park.

There are twenty churches in which the women, as such, report nothing.

If we could only get our women in all the churches to organize and do a small amount it would total a goodly sum and mean a good deal in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. There are about forty members in these societies.

I hope there will be other organizations formed this year.

Respectfully,

Mrs. D. P. Bridges.

Adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Met at 1:15. Song, "Crown Him Lord of All", led by H. M. Stroup. Prayer led by L. M. Deyton.

Report on Sunday schools read by Luther McGuire and discussed by Luther McGuire and H. M. Stroup and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Sunday schools have done a great deal of good in the past, but they are reaching only about one-third of the people and teaching about one-fifth of them. Then let us organize for reaching and teaching three-thirds of the people To do this we can take advantage of the Sunday School Board's plans and we can all be efficient workers, and double and treble our enrollment and reach a much higher standard of teaching.

Luther McGuire,
J. R. Hodges.

Report on Pastoral Support read by W. M. Francum and discussed by W. M. Francum and R. T. Teague and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Paul, the greatest divine that ever graced a pulpit or wielded a pen, said, "He that preaches the gospel should live of the gospel." He further said, "If I have ministered unto you in spiritual things, I also ought to reap your carnal things."

The Great Teacher said, "The workman is worthy of his hire."

For the year 1927-28 the church members of Avery Co. Association paid the pastors of their churches less than 10 c a month each.

The deacons ought to look after the finances of the churces and make an earnest effort to pay their pastors more.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Pyatte, W. M. Francum.

Report on Obituaries read by D. Buchanan and adopted.

OBITUARIES

The Bible says, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the Judgement." We find that 15 have answered the great call, to wit:

Mr J. C. Singleton, Mrs. Bill Barlow, Miss Ida Henderson, Miss Ada Franklin, Mr. J. A. Weatherm, Mrs. Polly Grindstaff, Mrs. Eliza Denney, Mrs. W. M. Gouge, Mr. Elijah Holtsclaw, Miss Verta Hobson, Mrs. Hattie Cook, Mrs. J. N. Stamey, Mr. J. A. Dyson, Mr. C. W. Burleson, Rubie Davis.

They have fought their fight and finished their course and have received their crowns. Let us try and meet them in the Great Beyond.

D. Buchanan, H. H. Vance, Com.

Report on State of Churches read and adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Last year 18 churches reported 1801 members. This year 18 churches report 2100 members. Last year 15 churches paid pastors $1850.80; this year 18 churches paid pastors $2303.73, an average of $127.97. Last year 18 churches reported Financial Expense, including pastors' salaries, $5,350.00; this year eighteen churches report, including pastors' salaries, $6,848.45. Last year 8 churches paid Orphanage $188.97; this year 10 churches paid to Orphanage $203.60. Last year 18 churches had Sunday School enrollment of 2110; this year 18 churches report 2060. Two churches have W. M. U's., two have B. Y. P. U's. Two Sunbeam Bands this year; none last year. Last year 17 churches baptized 127; this year 18 churches report 103 baptisms.

The reports are not made out in full and we urge the pastors to see that these reports be made nearer complete in the future.

Respectfully,

D. Buchanan, R. M. Greene, Com.

Treasurer's Report amended and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To Bal. from last year	$ 6.90
From Committee	26.02
" S. S. Convention	3.75
Total received - - -	$36.67

Disbursed:

For Printing	$28.00		
Fee	8.00		
Postage & Publicity	6.00		
	$42.00	O.D.	$6.33
Collection Taken - - -			5.61
		O.D	.62

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk & Treas.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We submit the following: Received for Minute Fund, $29.83. Eight churches did not report.

We recommend that the pastors attend the associations where they work and that they insist that each church send in their annual reports and delegates.

We also recommend that our clerk receive $8. for his services.

J. G. Buchanan, J. W. Taylor, R. L. Hall, Com.

Report on Nominations read and approved.

[Report does not appear in the manuscript.—Printer.]

Report on Place and Preacher adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that next session of Avery Co. Association meet with Roaring Creek Baptist church on Friday before 4th Sunday in August 1930, and that W. J. Norton preach the introductory sermon; I. W. Woody alternate.

N. A. Buchanan, H. C. Stanley, D. Buchanan.

Report on Resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1st That we endeavor to get every church to do at least a small amount for the Co-operative Program this year.

2d That we earnestly request each Sunday school to make the once-a-month offering to the Mills Home and every church to make a Thanksgiving offering to the Home.

3d That we tender our hearty thanks to this church and commu-

nity for the excellent manner in which they have taken care of this body.

Respectfully,

D. P. Bridges, N. A. Buchanan.

On motion the Moderator appointed R. T. Teague, D. P. Bridges and R. T. Lewis to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, and the same is printed in this edition.

Adjourned with prayer by D. P. Bridges, to meet with Roaring Creek a year hence.

N. S. HAMPTON, Mod., Pineola, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk, Minneapolis, N. C.

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	"	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	"	G. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn	W. H. Ollis	"	R. T. Vann
1917	RoaringCre'k	D. A. Green	"	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	"	"	N.S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	"	"	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	"	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn	R. T. Lewis	"	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	"	L. W. Hall
1928	Newland	N. S. Hampton	"	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	"	"	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	"	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	"	"	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	"	"	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	"	"	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	"	"	E. M. Johnson

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Aaron— H. F. Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sudderth, Mr. Braswell.

Beech Mtn.— Roy McGuire, Conard Cook.

Big Meadow— Mr and Mrs J L Pyatte, Mr and Mrs E O Pyatte, Oliver Benfield, Tom Carpenter, Mart Carpenter.

Belview— John W Taylor, Mr and Mrs Robt. Davis, Ethel Calhoun, Ruth Hester.

Crossnore— Miss Corda Franklin, Galin Johnson.

Cranberry— Mr and Mrs Brown Ollis, Mrs Elbert McCoury, Mrs Dillie Green, Mrs Clyde Greene, Mrs John Hughes, V W Brown.

Chestnut Dale— D S Hoffman, J W Holtsclaw.

Elk Valley— None.

Elk Park— None.

Flat Springs— None.

Green Valley— Mr and Mrs R L Hall, Mrs F J Hall, Mrs Bob Pitman, D T Weatherman.

Henson Creek— Mrs J P Hughes, Hobert Dellinger. L S Vance.

Jonas Ridge— L C Shell, J D Clark.

Minneapolis— R T Lewis, R Z Burleson, W W Pyatte.

Mt Pleasant— Sam Wilson.

Newland— Mr and Mrs L M Deyton, C M Graves, R T Teague, D P Bridges, J R Hodges.

Oak Grove— None.

Pineola— C E Miller, H H Vance, J G Buchanan, R J Hughes, W A Sisk, Mrs Delaney Hampton.

Pleasant Hill— N A Buchanan, J M Whitaker, Henry Hicks, Mrs Louise Buchanan, Baxter Ollis, Billie Buchanan

Pleasant Valley— Boyd Hicks, Crocket Hicks, W P Hicks Luther McGuire.

Powder Mill— Geo Watson, Will Butler, Mrs Hick Buchanan.

Roaring Creek— Mr & Mrs J C Stanley, Mr & Mrs Dewey Hughes Brown Hughes, M D Hughes.

Yellow Mtn.— D Buchanan, W H Aldridge, Vester Stafford, Mrs J Rhyne.

Ordained Ministers in the Association

Pastors	Post Office
T. K. Carroll	Linville, N. C.
J. L. Dellinger	Spear, "
J. Henline	Bakersville, "
N. S. Hampton	Pineola, "
J. R. Hodges	Newland, "
E. M. Johnson	Johnson City, Tenn.
J. T. McGuire	Linville, N. C.
W. A. Pennell	Zionville, "
D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo, "
J. M. Whitaker	Johnson City, Tenn.
John T. Wright	" " "

NOT PASTORS

D. P. Bridges	Newland, N. C.
L. M. Deyton	" "
Warney Guyn	Elk Park, "
*V. W. Greene	Minneapolis, "
S. A. Hughes	Valley, "
*J. G. Hughes	Valley, "
*T. C. Hicks	Cranberry, "
*Ham Hobson	Valley, "
C. L Norris	Dark Ridge, "
I. W. Woody	Frank, "

Those marked with a star were ordained this year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	SUPTS. & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	TREAS. & P. O.
Aaron	L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma	Mrs S. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	T. W. Childress, Montezuma
Beech Mtn	Roy McGuire, Dark Ridge	John Trivett, Dark Ridge	J C Storie, Whaley
Big Meadow	J L Pyatte, Pyatte	E O Pyatte, Pyatte	Goldman Carpenter, Pyatte
Belview	A D Ollis, Cranberry	A D Ollis, Cranberry	John W Tayor, Cranberry
Crossnore	P L Johnson, Crossnore	Enoch Cornett, Crossnore	W W Benfield, Crossnore
Cranberry		Brown Ollis, Cranberry	
Chestnut Dale	Rom Huffman, Hughes	Nettie Johnson, Hughes	D S Huffman, Hughes
Elk Valley	H M Horney, Memory	D T Bailiff, Memory	
Elk Park	R N Cardwell, Elk Park		
Flat Springs	S M Greene, Dark Ridge	J W Greene, Whaley	C L Norris, Dark Ridge
Green Valley	F J Hall, Spruce Pine	T J Hall, Spruce Pine	R L Hall, Spruce Pine
Henson Creek	Mrs J P Hughes, Spear	Etta Dellinger, Spear	S S Vance, Spear
Jonas Ridge	M W Shuffler, Jonas Ridge	L G Reid, Jonas Ridge	L G Reid, Jonas Ridge
Minneapolis	Stokes Buchanan, Minneap.	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis	W W Pyatte, Minneapolis
Mt Pleasant			
Newland	R A Shoemaker, Newland	R A Shoemaker, Newland	D P Bridges, Newland
Oak Grove			
Pineola	Green Buchanan, Pineola	C W S Benfield, Pineola	J M Pritchard, Pineola
Pleasant Hill	Ed W Buchanan, Minneapolis	Baxter Ollis, Frank	Baxter Ollis, Frank
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	Phles Guyn, Elk Park	Walter Hicks, Elk Park
Powder Mill	R L Buchanan, Senia	Geo Watson, Senia	Will Butler, Senia
Roaring Creek	J G Hughes, Valley	J G Hughes, Valley	Jeffie Hughes
Yellow Mtn	T J Greene, Spear	Vester Stafford	D Buchanan, Spear

N. S. Hampton Mod., Pineola.

Ed W. Buchanan Clerk, Minneapolis.

SUMMARY TABLE (Statistical)

CHURCHES	In Town, Village or Country	PASTORS & P. O.	Reg. Meeting Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings	Lord's Supper
Aaron	V	J. Henline, Bakersville	....	....	118	1	1
Beech Mtn	O	D M Wheeler, Bamboo	1		218	1	1
Big Meadow	O	N S Hampton, Pineola	2		79		
Belview	O	J M Whitaker, Johnson City	1	11	64	1	1
Crossnore	T		all	22	198	1	1
Cranberry	T	J M Whitaker, Johnson City	1		94	1	
Chastnut Dale	O	J T Wright, "	1	3	103	1	1
Elk Valley		F C Watts, Purlear	2	3	79	1	1
Elk Park		J R Hodges, Newland	1	6	61	1	1
Flat Springs	O	W A Pennell, Zionville	1		85	1	2
Green Valley	O	J T McGuire, Linville	4	2	63	1	
Henson Creek	O	J L Dellinger, Spear	3		32	1	1
Jonas Ridge	O	J T McGuire, Linville	2	5	139	1	1
Minneapolis	V	E M Johnson, Johnson City	3	5	101	1	
Mt Pleasant	O	No report					
Newland	T	J R Hodges, Newland	every	17	125	1	2
Oak Grove		No report					
Pineola	T	N S Hampton, Pineola	2-4	12	54	1	
Pleasant Hill	O	J M Whitaker, Johnson City	1	8	253	1	1
PleasantValley	O	N S Hampton	4	8	85	1	1
Powder Mill	O	T K Carroll, Linville	2		48	1	1
Roaring Creek	O	E M Johnson, Johnson City	3	6	117	1	1
Yellow Mtn	O	J L Dellinger, Spear	2-4		89	1	

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SUMMARY TABLE (Statistical)

CHURCHES	No. Schools	Total Enrolled	No. B.Y.P.U.s.	Enrolled in B.Y.P.U.'s	Woman's Organizations	Pastor's Salary	Local Church Expenses	Co-operative Program	GRAND TOTAL	Value Church Property
Aaron	1	102				90.00	150.00			6000
Beech Mtn	1	102				83.00	115.50	11.00	126.50	1000
Big Meadow	1	146				69.00	110.00	5.20	115.20	2500
Belview	1	88				71.51	249.00		249.00	500
Crossnore	1	200	1	80	1	550.00	1000.00	100.00	1650.00	4000
Cranberry	Union					50.00	52.50		52.50	
Chestnut Dale	1	93				71.80	98.46		98.46	3000
Elk Valley	1	42				110.00	231.75		298.35	1000
Elk Park	1	60	1	85		120.00			294.00	2000
Flat Springs	1	50				38.66	52.66		52.66	800
Green Valley	1	53				125.51	179.20	8.00	187.20	1000
Henson Creek	1	50				20.29	75.00		75.00	600
Jonas Ridge	1	116				125.00	187.00		231.00	1000
Minneapolis	1	75				65.00	95.00		100.00	3000
Mt Pleasant	No report									
Newland	1	118	1	12	1	500.00	975.00	125.20	1520.00	12000
Oak Grove	No report									
Pineola	1	77				75.00	318.87		318.87	1900
Pleasant Hill	1	175				168.00	410.80		470.80	3000
Pleasant Valley	1	87				58.20	65.00	2.67	83.47	500
Powder Mill	1	60				50.00	72.00		72.00	450
Roaring Creek	1	109				63.25	165.00		165.00	1300
Yellow Mtn	1	52				73.00			177.50	500

MINUTES

OF THE

AVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, JULY 25

The Convention met with Green Valley church at 10 a. m.

Devotion was conducted by V. W. Greene reading 8 c. Romans.

Prayer by V. W. Greene. The audience joined in song, Sweet Bye and Bye.

Letters called for and the following received:

Aaron, Belview, Crossnore, Green Valley, Minneapolis, Big Meadow, Pleasant Hill, Roaring Creek.

ORGANIZATION

N. S. Hampton was elected Chairman and Ed W. Buchanan, Secy.

Song led by Dewey Holtsclaw.

Committee appointed as follows with the first named as Chm.:

Resolutions and Queries: Ed W. Buchanan, H. S. Burleson, Luther McGuire, H. C. Stanley, R. L. Hall.

Program: Luther McGuire, E. M. Johnson, R. T. Teague.

Finance: Ed W. Buchanan, R. L. Hall, J. L. Pyatte.

Time and Place: N. A. Buchanan, John W. Taylor, Corda Franklin.

In the absence of C. G. Ellis, E. M. Johnson delivered the sermon. Theme, Watch. He preached a very impressive sermon.

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by V. W. Greene.

AFTER NOON

Met at 1:30. Singing by Roaring Creek Choir., led by Wilson Hughes.

Devotion conducted by E. M. Johnson. Prayer by N. S. Hampton

Query No. 1. Should our Baptist Doctrines be taught in Sunday Schools? Discussed by N. S. Hampton.

Query No. 2. Qualification of a Teacher. Discussed by Luther McGuire, N. S. Hampton and Cordia Franklin.

Delegates assigned homes.

Adjourned with prayer by E. M. Johnson.

Second Day

Met at 9: 30. Devotion conducted by H. S. Burleson. Prayer by N. S. Hampton.

Report on Resolutions was read by the Secretary and discussed by Ed W. Buchanan, Cordia Franklin, and adopted, and the Convention asked each Choir Leader to notify the Program Committee in time to get in on the program.

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by N. S. Hampton.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

The Convention met at 1:30. Devotion conducted by Cordia Franklin reading the 42d Psalm, and a very appropriate talk by Miss Franklin, using the theme, Prayer.

Prayer by Luther McGuire.

Sermon by J. Henline. Text: "And who is he that will harm you if you be followers of that which is good."

A very spiritual and impressive sermon.

Prayer by Mrs. Dick Ollis.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

FINANCE

Rec'd from Aaron	$1.50	Pleasant Hill	$1.00
Big Meadow	1.00	Pleasant Valley	1.25
Belview	1.00	Green Valley	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00	Total	$7.75

We recommend that our Minutes be printed with the Association Minutes. Respectfully,

Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte, F. J. Hall, Com.

Report on Time and Place read and adopted.

TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held with PLEASANT HILL on Thursday and Friday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1930. Respectfully submitted,

N. A. Buchanan, J. W. Taylor, Cordia Franklin, Com.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted.

Resolution No. I.:

After considering the decline in attendance of the Convention: We recommend that the Avery County Sunday School Convention organize and consolidate a Singing Convention which shall be known as The Avery County Baptist Sunday School & Singing Convention and we earnestly request our leaders to prepare to attend our conventions.

No. II. Be it resolved, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the fine manner in which they have entertained this convention.

Ed W. Buchanan, H. S. Burleson, H.C.Stanley, R.L.Hall, Com.

Number of Delegates:

Aaron 2, Big Meadow 4, Belview 3, Crosnore 4, Green Valley All, Mt. Pleasant 2, Pleasant Hill 8, Pleasant Valley 17.

Adjourned with prayer by J. Henline.

N. S. HAMPTON, Chm., Pineola, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Sec'y., Minneapolis, N. C.

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Rev. T. K. Carrol his Alternate.

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NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—By Compact Fields.

Fields No. 1. R. T. Teague Chairman:
Aaron, Newland, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant.

Field No. 2. Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y.:
Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale, Roaring Creek, Minneapolis.

Field No. 3. D. Buchanan:
Yellow Mtn., Green Valley, Henson Creek, Powder Mill.

Field No. 4. Chas. E. Miller:
Pineola, Crossnore, Jonas Ridge, Big Meadow.

Field No. 5. Luther McGuire:
Elk Park, Elk Valley, Pleasant Valley, Cranberry, Belview, Beech Mountain, Flat Springs.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

N. S. Hampton, L. C. Shell, Ed W. Buchanan

DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

W. W. Braswell, R. T. Teague, ALT.,

To Write on for next Session

MISSIONS, L. M. Deaton.
EDUCATION, R. T. Lewis.
HOSPITALS, V. W. Greene.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF, E. M. Johnson.
TEMPERANCE, Charles Vance.
TITHING, R. T. Teague.
OBITUARIES, T. C. Hicks.
PERIODICALS, D. P. Bridges.
ORPHANAGE, D. Buchanan.
RESOLUTIONS, Charles New.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS, Luther McGuire.
PLACE AND PREACHER, C. E. Miller.
STATE OF CHURCHES, W. W. Braswell.
FINANCE, John W. Taylor.
PASTORAL SUPPORT, J. G. Hughes.
WOMANS WORK, Mrs. D. P. Bridges.
B. Y. P. U., Miss Cordie Franklin.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. T. Teague, Chairman, Ed W. Buchanan, Secertary, D. Buchanan, C. E. Miller, Luther McGuire.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis, D. Buchanan, Charles Vance, R. N. Cardwell.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, D. P. Bridges, C. E., New, Joe Johnson, Committee.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their energies and their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the

sovreignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the Body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes hetrodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session, after the name of the Delegates are enrolled, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

As soon as the officers have taken their seats, the Body shall be declared organized and ready for buiness.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetinq punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceeding of the Body and superintend the printing

and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

By the Committee on Revision.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2nd. During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3d. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with and closed with religious exercises.

4th. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject nor longer than Twenty Minutes without permission from the Body.

6th. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read, or move about the house during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

7th The business of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Read and enroll names of delegates and ordained ministers.
2. Organize.
3. Appoint Committees.
4. Annual Sermon.

5th. Invite Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers to seats.

6th. Call the names of those churches that failed to represent themselves at the previous session and inquire their reason for such failure.

7th. Reception of new churches.

8th. Reports of Committees and discussions.

9th. Miscellaneous Business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

10th. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
19th Annual Session of the AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Friday. August 22. 1930.

The Avery County Baptist Association in it's 19th annual session met with Roaring Creek Church at 10 A. M.

Song led by Ed W. Buchanan, (Amazing Grace.)

Devotion Conducted by D. A. Greene.

Order of Business read by the clerk and adopted.

Letters called for and 18 Received R. T. Teague and R. T. Lewis appointed Reading Clerks, and read the Letters.

ORGANIZATION

N. S. Hampton was elected Mod., and Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk Unamious.

Visiting Brethren and Correspondents were invited and the Following responded

W. M. Francum of Caldwell Co; Uriah Farthing of Ky.. H. P. Hicks, of French Broad Association, J. L. Martin of Blue Ridge. D. A. Greene of Mitchell Co., Brownlee Vance of the Free Baptist Church was welcomed with us.

Committee appointed as follows with the first named as Chairman

MISSIONS: R. T. Teague. Perry Morgan.

EDUCATION: D. P. Bridges, H. P. Hicks.

TEMPERANCE: R. T. Lewis, W. M. Francum.

OBITUARIES: T. C. Hicks, Jeffie Hughes.

PERIODICALS: E. M. Johnson, W. W. Braswell.

ORPHANAGE: J. G. Hughes. M. L. Kesler, D. A. Greene.

HOSPITALS: D. Buchanan, S. M. Pitman, H. Hobson.

RESOLUTIONS: D. P. Bridges, T. W. Childress. C. E. Miller.

PLACE AND PREACHER: T. W. Childress. C. E. New, W. W. Holtsclaw.

STATE OF CHURCHES: W. W. Braswell, R. T. Lewis.

FINANCE: John W. Taylor, R. L. Hall, H. C. Stanley.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Uriah Farthing. Tom Clark.

WOMANS WORK: Mrs. D. P. Bridges. Mrs. E. E. McKinney, Mrs. D. Buchanan.

B. Y. P. U.: Cordie Franklin, Mrs. L. M. Deaton, W. W. Braswell.

TITHING: R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis, S. M. Pitman.

NOMINATIONS: D. P. Bridges, C. E. New, H. S. Burleson.

Song by Roaring Creek Choir led by P. M. McGinnis.

In the Absence of W. J. Norton, Rev. S. M. Pitman was asked to Come Forward And Preach the annual Sermon.

Brother Pitman came to the front and after Reading the word announced The THEME, Kingdom Building. He preached an impressive sermon which was enjoyed by all.

The Mod., at this time welcomed Hon. Perry Morgan of the State Board and James P. Morgan, Representing the Biblical Recorder.

On Motion, James P. Morgan made an address on Periodicals.

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by D. P. Bridges.

AFTERNOON

After a sumptuous dinner served at the Church the association met at 1.15.

Song Service, led by P. M. McGinnis.

Prayer, J. L. Martin.

Report on Missions read by R. T. Teague, Education by D. P. Bridges, Ministeral Relief by W. M. Francum, the report on Hospitals not ready.

On motion the foregoing subjects were consolidated as to discussion.

Hon. Perry Morgan made an interesting address on the Cooperative Program with illustrations. Also discussed by R. T. Teague, D. P. Bridges, N. S. Hampton, Uriah Farthing, Reports adopted.

Delegates assigned homes. Adjourned with prayer by H. P. Hicks.

EVENING

Met at 8 P. M., Song Service led by P. M. McGinnis was enjoyed by all. Sermon by H. P. Hicks. He read 12 Ver., 3rd Chapter 1st Cor. And called on Uriah Farthing to lead the prayer.

TEXT: Set thine house in order.

THEME: Cleaning up for the Bridegroom. He preached an able and Spiritual Sermon concluded with short talks by W. M. Francum and N. S. Hampton who called an Altar Prayer for Reconsecration. Prayer led by E. D. Robbins.

Adjourned with prayer by Brownlee Vance.

SATURDAY AUGUST 23, Second day

The Association met at 9 A. M. Song, "There is a Fountain" led by Ed W. Buchanan, prayer led by V. W. Greene.

MISCELLANEOUS

Round table discussion on STATE OF CHURCHES.

Reports on Obituaries read by the clerk and on State of Churches by W. W. Braswell, and adopted.

Report on Temperance read by R. T. Lewis and discussed by T. C. Hicks, E. M. Johnson, R. T. Lewis, Ed W. Buchanan Uriah Farthing N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, and adopted by a standing vote.

Visitors, Invited, and E. D. Robbins and I. H. Henderson from stoney Fork announced themselves to the Mod., who welcomed them to seats with us. Report on Tithing read by R. T. Teague and discussed by R. T. Teague, Uriah Farthing and adopted

Report on Orphanage, read by J. G. Hughes, and discussed by T. C. Hicks.

Brother M. L. Kesler at this time came in and was welcomed and discussed the subject for about one hour.

R. T. Teague was appointed Chairman of the Orphanage Com.

Adjourned with prayer by A. A. Walker.

AFTERNOON Second Day

Met at 1:15 P. M. after a splendid dinner served at the Church.

Song Service.

Prayer led by J. T. McGuire.

Report on Womans Work, read by D. P. Bridges and discussed by D. P. Bridges and adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U., read by L. M. Deaton and discussed by L. M. Deaton and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools, read by H. P. Hicks and discussed by W. M. Francum, N. S. Hampton, R. T. Teague, P. L. Johnson, and Uriah Farthing and adopted.

Report on Pastorial Support, read by Uriah Farthing and discussed by Uriah Farthing and adopted.

Report on Resolutions, read by D. P. Bridges discussed by N. S. Hampton and adopted.

On motion of D. P. Bridges, R. T. Lewis was appointed General Historian for the Association.

Report on Place and Preacher, read and adopted.

Report on Finance, read and adopted.

Report on Treasurers, read, amended and adopted.

Report on Nominations, read and adopted.

Final Adjournment to time and place, with song "I'm Going Home to Die no More", and prayer by R. T. Teague.

Rev. N. S. Hampton, Mod., Pineola, N. C.

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk, Minneapolis, N. C.

(Note to the Church Clerks) I find it almost impossible to make tables from the fact the reports are not complete. Please answer every question next year and don't expect your Clerk to go by guessing.

Ed. W. Buchanan, Clerk

MISSIONS

The Great Commission bids all Christians do three things:

First, to make disciples of all nations.

Second, to baptize these made disciples.

Third, to teach or train these made and baptized disciples to observe all things commanded of us.

Unless we do and teach these things we have an exceedingly poor way of showing our discipleship to a lost and needy world. There are only two ways of doing these things; going in person or sending a representative. Since all of us here are not going at this time our only alternate is sending a representative. Our gifts to missions measure our obedience to our Lord with reference to His last and dying command. May God in His infinite wisdom lead us His people to send representatives more largely than we are now doing.

R. T. Teague,

Perry Morgan, Committee

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE—MILLS HOME

Be it Resolved that we recommend to the churches not contributing this year to the orphanage that we take a once-a-month offering for the Mills Home of no less than five cents for each child in the Sunday schools of the respective churches. It is understood that this number shall be the enrollment up through the Junior Department.

The care and training of children constitute our first human interest. They are at once the greatest asset or liability in improving civilization. This interest has become so pronounced that the public has asserted the right to interfere even with the supposed rights of parents and demand that children everywhere have a fair chance in life. This found completest expression when the Master set the child in the midst and declared that of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Forty five years ago J. H. Mills began the work of the institution which now bears his name. It has been a haven of refuge for a shorter or longer time for more than three thousand children. We have

now in the home approximately 900 children who are looking to North Carolina Baptists for their support.

There is behind every child in our care some element of tragedy and sorrou that appeals to the best within us. The workers in the Home have the direct responsibility of caring for these, but it is a vast co-operative task appealing to every Baptist in North Carolina. Our people have been liberal but this continual business depression and the strange indifference on the part of many make a distressing financial situation. We are rolling up a heavy debt. The demands for help grow with the hard times.

Sending the children away is unthinkable so we urge again the once-a-month collection in every Sunday School. A club for charity for children in every shool is possible and a great thanksgiving offering that will wipe out debt.

Every Association is asked to appoint an orphanage representative, but every forward looking citizen, man and woman in the Association is challenged to this blessed task.

J. G. Hughes D. A. Green

B. Y. P. U.

Last year there were only two B. Y. P. U.'s reported to the Association. This year there were seven active, wide awake unions in the county.

It is the aim of the state and county organization to have a Union in every church in the Association that desires a Union.

Since the B. Y. P. U. is the training place of the young Christian in church work, we, your committee heartily recommend and endorse the aim of the county convention and insist that the pastors of the several churches encourage the work of the young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Cordia Franklin
Mrs. L. M. Deaton
W. W. Braswell

PERIODICALS

We find by all the information obtainable that few of our people avail themselves of the opportunity of reading our Baptist papers which should be our spiritual food. Our religious literature is too seldom noticed in the home.

We recommend the Bible as the Book of all books, and that we read and study it more carefully.

Respectfully,

E. M. Johnson W. W. Braswell, J. P. Morgan

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This board has two departments.

1. The Charity department.
2. The Annuity feature.

The churches of Avery County are earnestly urged to take Collections for the Old Soldiers of the Cross who have labored so faithfully for their Master, and who have received but very little for their services.

At least once a year the Churches should take a Collection in order that the Board may be able to keep these old preachers from having to go to the County Homes.

Respectfully Submitted.

Harlan F. Ledford,

W. M. Francum, Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The true education operates in three fields or along three lines, namely, physical, mental or intellectual, and Christian or spiritual. No one is truly educated unless he or she is trained along all these lines.

(1) Physical education. This is the training and development of the body. No man can be his best without a sound body. It is not necessary for every man to be a trained athlete in the ordinary sense of the term but this body must be reasonably trained.

(2) Mental Training. This is on a little higher plane than physical development. It may not be possible for every boy and girl to become a college graduate, but everyone ought to have such training of the mind to enable him to think clearly and to the point. So much brawn and muscle could be saved if all knew how to think correctly.

(3) Christian Education is the highest type of training. The soul is above all else. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" or "What shall he give in exchange for his soul?" If one loses his soul he has lost all. Then we can see how important it is that one be trained in spiritual things. One can not be educated into spiritual things but in them. After we are born into the spiritual we have got to see the need of Christian schools.

Yours truly,

D. P. Bridges. H. P. Hice.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We the Committee on Temperance submit the following:

We have all laws neccessary for the protection of the Citizenship both State and National but acknowledge that there is a lack of proper effort on the part of the Citizenship to see to the enforcement of these Laws.

United we stand, divided we fall.

We realize that there is a great effort on the part of these various organizations against the 18th Amendment and the Volstead act, and to meet this agitation of the enemies of Temperance, we urge upon the Churches of this Association, to organize Temperance Societies, for better enforcement of our Temperance Laws, and the Education of our Young people as to the evil conditions that existed in the days when the Liquor forces were in control and intoxicating Liquors could be easily obtained, We also should practice what we preach by refusing to vote for any one for any Public Office County State or National, that in any way violates our temperance Laws

We should not support any one for Public Office that follows dram drinking or sanctions same, and if our Christian Churches would strictly adhere to this, in a short time the agitation against our Temperance Laws would stop.

Respectfully Submitted, R. T. Lewis. W. M. Francum,
Committee

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Our work among the women and children has grown some in the year just closing. We have four W. M. Societies and three Sunbeam bands.

We trust there will be a greater interest in the work of the Kingdom next year than has ever been in our Association before.

We beg each Christian who claims to be a Missionary Baptist to work, pray and give more for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom at home and on the Foreign field than ever before.

Mrs. D. P. Bridges
Mrs. W. Buchanan
Mrs. E. E. McKinney

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Sunday Schools are doing a great work, but we beieve that each school, should strive to do a greater work in training the children the way they should go.

1st. Have godly men and women for officers and teachers.

2nd. That they be Baptists.

3rd. That they be trained by study to show themselves approved unto God, good workmen who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

4th. That each school use the Bible and Quarterly together and see to it that we don't miss one single lesson.

5th. We further beg to advise that the superintendent and each teacher give one hour or more each week visiting the homes of those who do not attend Sunday School.

6th. The most destructive thing we know of to a Sunday School is to stop it in the winter season. We pray every church to have 12 months school, 52 Sundays each year.

7th. Grade the School and make it as near standard as possible.

8th. Let there be continued prayer for the Sunday School work every where.

9th. The Sunday School is the church at work. Then let each Baptist Sunday School use nothing but the Bible and Baptist literature.

H. P. Hicks
Ralph Sparks

REPORT ON PASTOR'S SUPPORT

Judging from the report of the letters from the churches we decide that the support is entirely too small. The preacher is not a pauper, a beggar, or an object of charity. He is engaged in the greatest work in this world. That of winning souls to Jesus Christ and helping to train them in his service.

If the churches can get a great vision of His work and then get a great vision of their cooperation in his great and glorious work and the love of Christ constrain them to service. Then if they follow the divine regulation to lay by in store on the first day of the week according as the Lord has prospered them, the pastors would have ample support in the greatest of all work. Let all the churches pray mightliy to God for a return to our first love that spiritual prosperity may return to all.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Signed, The Committee—Uriah Farthing

OBITUARIES

We your committee on obituaries find that since our last annual meeting that 19 of our brothers and sisters have been called in death They have fought their fight and have finished their course and

their spirits are in the Paradise of God—and may we all stive to meet them in the Heaven above.

List of Our Dead

Aaron: Mrs. Ruth Ledford.

Big Meadow: Mrs. Z. D. Pyatte.

Cranberry: Mr. A. M. Brown, Mrs. Ibbie Staton.

Flat Springs: Miss Sarah Storie, Mr. Thomas Trivett.

Henson Creek: Mr. L. S. Vance, Dea. W. A. Buchanan, Dea. R. H. Dellinger.

Jonas Ridge: Mrs. Emma Reide, Mrs. Bunia Rose, Mr. Fonze Clark.

Minneapolis: Mr. H. J. Pyatte, Mr. G. J. Buchanan.

Mount Pleasant: Mr. Joseph Burleson, Mrs. Josie Burleson, Mrs. Sarah Aldridge, Mrs. Jane Daniels.

Oak Grove: Mrs. Alvin Nelson.

Pineola: Rev. R. S. Hayes.

Pleasant Valley: Mr. M. C. Pilkinton, Mr. W. M. Hampton, Mr. J. P. Combs.

Pleasant Hill: Mrs. Nancy English.

T. C. Hicks, J. G. Hughes, Committee

STATE OF CHURCHES

Last year we had eighteen churches reported. We have the same number reported this year. We are very sorry to have to report a falling off in almost every item.

The following figures give us a comparison of the condition of the churches this year and last year.

Last year Membership, 2100; pastor's salaries, $2303.73; Contributions to orphanages, $203.60; Sunday School membership, 2060; Baptisms, 103; Womens Missionary Unions, 2; B. Y. P. U.'s 2.

This year: Membership, 1564; Pastors' salaries $1805.17; Contributions to orphanages, $2424.49; Sunday School Membership, 1340; Baptisms, 49; Womens Missionary Unions, 3; B. Y. P. U.'s 7.

We notice that our committee at the last annual session insisted on every item in the letter being filled. We find it necessary to make the same request. It is a difficult matter for a committee or for the clerk to get the information needed from the letters unless they are made out more fully.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Braswell.

TREASURES REPORT

Received from finance com.	$29.83
Received from S. S. Con.	7.75
Received from Crossnore	2.00
Received from Flat Springs	2.00
Received from Elk Valley	1.75
Total received	$43.33
Collection	$3.30
	$46.63

Disbursed:

For Printing	$35.00
Fee	8.00
Postage, etc	4.00
Total	$47.00

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk and Treasurer

Report On Finance

We submit the folbwing:

Received for minute funds, $30.26.

Seven churches did not report.

We recommend that the pastor attend the associations where they work and that they insist that each church send in their annual report and delegates.

We also recommend that our clerk receive $8.00 for his services.

John W. Taylor, R. L. Hall, H. C. Stanley

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Aaron Church at Montezuma, N. C. on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1931. That Rev. N. S. Hampton preach the annual sermon and Rev. T. Kelley Carroll his alternate.

Respectfully.

T. W. Childress, C. E. New, W. W. Holtsclaw, Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

1. That we ask that a general historian be appointed for this association.

2. That we urge again that every church take an offering for the cooperative program this year.

3. That we earnestly ask every Sunday School to give one Sunday's offering each month to the Mills Home and also to take an offering on Thanksgiving for the same.

4. That we express our hearty thanks to this church and community for the noble manner in which they have taken care of this matter.

D. P. Bridges, T. W. Childress.

DECEGATES PRESENT

Aaron: T. W. Childress, W. W. Braswell, H. F. Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pritchard.

Beech Mountain: None.

Big Meadaw: D. M. Philipps.

Belview: Mr. and Mrs. Lum Calhoun, Julias Ollis, J. W. Taylor.

Crossnore: Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Johnson, A. A. Walker.

Cranberry: Mr. and Mrs. Will Ollis, Mrs. Dillie Greene.

Chestnut Dale: W. W. Holtsclaw, Dewey Johnson.

Elk Valley: None.

Elk Park: Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Mrs. B. M. Jennings.

Flat Springs: Monroe Dugger, W. C. Philipps.

Green Valley: R. L. Hall, Mrs. Grace Hall.

Henson Creek: J. P. Hughes, Paul Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. Wess Houston.

Jonas Ridge: Eddie Barrier, J. D. Clark, Joe Johnson, Grace Shell.

Minneapolis: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sparks, Mrs. E. E. McKinney.

Mount Pleasant: H. S. Burleson, D. H. Daniels, Mrs. W. H. Daniels.

Newland: R. T. Teague, S. M. Pitman, D. P. Bridges, Stephen Pitman, J. M. Gragg.

Oak Grove: J. A. Ledford.

Pineola: C. E. Miller, R. J. Hughes, C. E. New.

Pleasant Hill: C. T. Hicks, I. W. Woody, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ollis, Dicy Cooper, N. A. Buchanan.

Pleasant Valley: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guynn.

Powder Mill: W. P. McKinney, Hick Buchanan, George Watson.

Roaring Creek: H. C. Stanley, W. L. Hughes, M. G. McKinney, Sallie Hughes.

Yellow Mountain: Mr. and Mrs. D. Buchanan.

TITHING

Tithing is the testing part of stewardship, which recognizes God as the owner of all things. The property we have is not ours but is held in trust by us and we are held accountable to God for its use. To withhold from God the things that belong to him is fatal to faith and worth to a lost world.

Tithing is scriptural. "Bring all tithes into the storehouse" is a command of God. Malichi says that when we refuse or fail to tithe we rob God. No one will claim that a robbing Christian is the best kind.

Tithing is God's plan to finance His Kingdom work. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered you" is the Bible plan. The only reason why all our Boards are heavily in debt and our mission work lagging is the fact that too many of us are going in our own haphazard way and ignoring God's way. We will never bring a lost world to Christ until we do it in God's way. May God lead us to His way.

R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis, Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AS TO RESIDENT ORDAINED MINISTERS

We find from the letters of the different churches the following ordained ministers belonging to our Association and their Post Office addresses:

S. M. Pittman, Frank; C. Lee Norris, Dark Ridge; Charlie Stines, Whaley; Calvin Guy, Whaley; L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma; K. L. Haga, Montezuma; Warney Gwynn, Elk Park; E. M. Johnson, Hopson, Tenn.; V. W. Green, Spruce Pine; I. W. Woodie, Valley; S. A. Hughes, Valley; T. C. Hicks, Pyatte; Ham Hopson, Valley; J. G. Hughes, Valley; Joe Phillips, Pineola; Kelly Carroll, Linville; N. S. Hampton, Pineola.

The following named ordained ministers should be on the retired list; Viz:

S. A. Hughes, Joe Phillips and N. S. Hampton. They have retired on account of their physical condition and age.

W. W. Braswell, R. T. Lewis.

TABLE I: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC

Avery County Baptist Association, 1930

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Village town or country.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				TOTAL					
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptis Paper	
Aaron	V	K. L. Haga, Montezuma.	2-3	118			1		6			1	112	No			1	
Beech Mountain	O	Tipton Greene, Boone.	1	218	14	1		1	3	1			230	Yes	1	1	1	
Big Meadow	O	N. S. Hampton, Pineola.	2	79	6			5		2		1	87	Yes	1			
Belview	O	J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, T.	1	64				1					65	No	1	1		
Crossnore	V		All	198			2		7				192	Yes	1	1		
Cranberry	V	J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, T.	1	94	4				1			2	95	Yes	1			
Chestnut Dale	O	T. K. Carroll, Linville.	1	101	4	1					1		105	No	3	1		
Elk Valley	O	D. A. Greene, Clarissa.	3	79	4			1		4	1		79	No	1	1		
Elk Park	T	L. M. Deaton, Newland.	4	61									61	No				
Flat Springs	O	W. A. Pennell, Zionville.	2	85	5	18	1		5	2		2	95	Yes	1	2		
Green Valley	O	J. T. McGuire, Linville.	4	61	5			2	2				66	No	1			
Henson Creek	O	J. L. Dellinger, Spear.		32	1	3		1		8		3	26	No				
Jonas Ridge	O	J. T. McGuire, Linville.	1	140	18	1						3	156	Yes	2	1	1	
Minneapolis	V	E. M. Johnson, Hopson, T.	4	136			1					2	135	Yes	1	1		
Mt. Pleasant	O	N. S. Hampton, Pineola.	2	Not	19							4	Given	No	1			
Newland	T	L. M. Deaton, Newland.	1-3	125	2	8			3				132	Yes	1	2	2	
Oak Grove	O	J. T. McGuire, Linville.	3					4	2			1	31	No	2			
Pineola	V	N. S. Hampton, Pineola.	2-4	54		2						1	55	No			2	
Pleasant Hill	O	J. Henline, Bakersville.	1	254					1				253	No	2	1	1	
Pleasant Valley	O	N. S. Hampton, Pineola.	4	85	4				6			3	80	No	1	2	1	
Powder Mill	O	T. K. Carroll, Linville.	2	43	1	1				2			43	Yes	1	1		
Roaring Creek	O	E. M. Johnson, Hopson, T.	3	117	1						58		60	No	1			
Yellow Mountain	O																	

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT									SPECIAL INFORMATION				
		Officers and Teachers	Beginners	3-5 Years Primaries	6-8 Years Juniors	9-12 Years Intermediates	13-16 Years Young People	17-24 Years Adults	25 Years and Up Cradle Roll	Under 3 Years	Total Enrollment—Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils.	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is is Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School
Aaron,	H. F. Ledford, Montezuma	10	5	5	6	12	16	16			80	45	Yes	No	5	
Beech Mountain	T. F. Cooke, Dark Ridge	8	10	5	8	8	5	10			54	53	No	No	23	10
Big Meadow	A. C. Calaway, Pyatte	14	Not Given									80	Yes	No	3	6
Belview	A. D. Ollis, Cranberry	8	14	8	12		15	15	3		80	60	No	No		
Crossnore	P. L. Johnson, Crossnore	19	12	16	28	30	22	30			157	105	Yes	Yes	10	
Cranberry	Union S. S.															
Chestnut Dale	Rom Huffman, Hughes	10	20	6	10	12		28			90	86	No	No		
Elk Valley	W. D. Bailiff, Banner Elk	7	8	8	10	8	19	15			75	50	No	No		
Elk Park	R. E. Cardwell, Elk Park	7	8	10	8	11	6	5	5			40	Yes	No		
Flat Springs	Monroe Dugger, Whaley	5	3	7	8	18		7			47	35	No	No		
Green Valley	F. G. Hall, Spruce Pine	6	14	10	10			10			50	40	No	No	1	5
Horson Creek	Not given in report															
Jonas Ridge	W. M. Shuffler, Jonas Ridge	10									125	50	No	No		
Minneapolis	Stokes Buchanan, Minneapolis	10	No Report													
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson, Hughes	6	6	10	12	10	10	7			61	35	No	No		
Newland	R. A. Shomaker, Newland	12	20	8	15	20	10	35	18		146	75	Yes	Yes	10	2
Oak Grove	Alvin Nelson, Newland	5									50	50	No	No		
Pineola	Green Buchanan, Pineola	8	16		11		16	34			77	40	No	No	1	
Pleasant Hill Ed	W. Buchanan, Minneapolis	13	17	12	10	7	15	34	10		120	95	No	No		
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	11	5	12	10	13	11	16	6		84	37	Yes	Yes	9	4
Powder Mill	Geo. Watson, Senia	6	12	10	8	7		8			51	45	No	No		
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley	8	22	8	10	18	11	11	3		94	58	Yes	No		1
Yellow Mountain																

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY
Avery County Baptist Association, 1930

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds
Aaron	H. F. Ledford, Montezuma	Yes	1922	Cement	500	10	9	6000
Beech Mountain	D. C. Cooke, Dark Ridge	Yes	1890	Wood	300	1		1000
Big Meadow	Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte	Yes	1922	Wood	600	1	9	2900
Bethview	A. D. Ollis, Cranberry	Yes	1921	Wood	200	1		500
Crossnore	C. C. Johnson, Crossnore	Yes	1911	Wood	500	9	9	3000
Cranberry	Brown Ollis, Cranberry	No						
Chestnut Dale	Cesie Johnson, Hughes	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1		3000
Elk Valley	D. T. Bailiff, Memory	Yes	1900	Wood	500	1		1000
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	Yes		Wood	500		4	2000
Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Beech Creek	Yes	1902	Wood	300		2	800
Green Valley	J. F. Hall, Spruce Pine	Yes	1896	Wood	200		1	1000
Henson Creek	Etta Dellinger, Spear	Yes	No Report					
Jonas Ridge	Eddie Barrier, Jonas Ridge	Yes	1904	Wood	250		1	400
Minneapolis	Charlotte M. Hicks, Minneapolis	Yes		Wood	300		1	2500
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Budeson, Hughes	Yes	1927	Wood	400		1	1500
Newland,	R. A. Shomaker, Newland	Yes	1921	Wood	200	9	8	13500
Oak Grove	J. A. Ledford, Newland	Yes	1922	Wood	500		1	1500
Pineola	C. H. S. Benfield, Pineola	Yes	1925	Wood	400		1	2203
Pleasant Hill	Baxter Ollis, Frank	Yes	1910	Wood	700		1	3000
Pleasant Valley	Luther McGuire, Elk Park	Yes	1897	Wood	150		1	500
Powder Mill	Geo. Watson, Senia	Yes	1914	Wood	200		1	450
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley	Yes	1924	Wood	400		1	1300
Yellow Mountain	No Report							

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR ALL CHURCH WORK — Avery County Baptist Association, 1930

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Cooperative Program	Orphanage	Total for Church Work Given by Church and all its Organizations
Aaron,	T. W. Childres	22.73			34.00		44.73			65.00			166.46
Beech Mountain,	Roy McGuire	84.60		35.07	4.05	6.75	11.14	7.81	2.18			2.87	154.44
Big Meadow,	C.G. Carpenter	75.80	1.55	44.33		1.00	22.90	12.00	1.00	3.00	2.40	29.25	192.23
Belview,	Dewey Gouge	60.00				18.00	22.00	15.00	2.00			22.00	139.00
Crossnore,	Mrs. F. P. Dellinger	223.81	7.28	30.85	322.00	8.00	100.00		2.00	129.46	11.20	3.00	837.60
Cranberry,		57.60											57.00
Chestnut Dale,	(Not Given)	117.32							1.00	20.60			138.92
Elk Valley	(Not Given)	110.00		60.00		8.00	9.00		2.10				189.10
Elk Park,	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell	120.00					25.01		1.00				146.00
Flat Springs,	C. L. Norris	39.99		7.56	15.00		8.00		2.00				72.55
Green Valley,	R. L. Hall	122.36		25.14			15.05		1.75		21.94	1.52	198.76
Henson Creek,	No Report	43.77			26.25	9.05	12.16		1.00				92.23
Jonas Ridge,	No Report	150.00					12.50		1.50				164.00
Minneapolis,	No. Report	50.00		30.00		24.00	12.00	12.00	1.50			10.00	141.00
Mt. Pleasant,	H. S. Burleson	39.60	7.00	1.60	75.00		9.00		.50		7.50		138.78
Newland,	D. P. Bridges	400.00		71.40	20.00	62.00	63.00	75.35	5.00	64.40	149.49	84.06	1081.66
Oak Grove,		31.35			14.20				1.72				59.20
Pineola,	J. M. Pritchard	97.75			249.13	10.00	18.13		2.35		7.10	5.00	389.41
Pleasant Hill,	Baxter Ollis	165.19		53.00	75.00		40.00	35.00	3.00			25.75	386.92
Pleasant Valley,	W. P. Hicks	No Report											
Powder Mill		73.00				8.00	12.00		1.80				94.80
Roaring Creek		59.25		16.48		30.00	12.23	10.00	1.25				129.29
Yellow Mountain	No Report												

TABLE V. B. Y. P. U'S.
Avery County Baptist Association, 1930

CHURCHES	Does Church have General B. Y. P. U. Organization.	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions
Aaron	1	45				45
Belview	1			32		
Crossnore	1		73		20	93
Chestnut Dale	1	8	8	8	9	33
Newland	1	20				20
Pineola	1		20			20
Pleasant Valley	1		39			39

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Cr'k	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman

MINUTES

OF THE

AVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

JULY 24, 1930

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School and Singing Convention met at 10 A. M. with Pleasant Hill.

Devotion conducted by N. S. Hampton. He read the 47 Psalm and made some exellent remarks from same.

Singing was led by Pleasant Hill choir.

Prayer was led by Mrs. R. L. Hall. Letters called for and received the following, Green Valley, Pleasant Hill, Minneapolis, Big Meadow, Crossnore, Roaring Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Chestnut Dale, Bellview, Pineola, Pleasant Valley.

Chas. Vance and H. S. Burleson were appointed reading clerks and read the foregoing letters.

ORGANIZATION

N. S. Hampton, elected Chairman, and Ed W. Buchanan, Sec.. Committee appointed as follows with the first named as chairman.
QUERIES AND QUESTIONS: Chas. Vance, H. S. Burleson, R. T. Teague.

PROGRAM; Chas. Vance, Mrs. F. J. Hall, Mrs. Arizona Hughes.

FINANCE; R. J. Hall, N. R. Buchanan, John W. Taylor.

TIME AND PLACE; D. S. Hoffman, Chas. Vance, A. C. Calloway.

PREACHING; N. A. Buchanan, R. L. Hall, A. C. Calloway

Pleasant Hill Choir sang four songs. Was listened to with much interest.

Question no.1,; Best methods for the Pastor to help the Sunday School discussed by T. C. Hicks, Chas. Vance, N. S. Hampton, and N. A. Buchanan.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY

The Convention met at 1:30 O'clock. Singing by Pleasant Hill Choir led by Ed W. Buchanan. Devotion conducted by Mrs. Grace Hall. Reading the 103 Psalm and making some fitting remarks from same.

Prayer led by sister Hall

Sermon by J. M. Whitaker; He read the 6th chapter of Romans and preached an interesting sermon.

Question No. 2. Needed qualifications of a Sunday School Supt.

Discussed by R. C. Brown, Ed W. Buchanan, N. S. Hampton, T. C. Hicks, N. A. Buchanan.

Adjourned with song, "I'm Going Home To Die No More," and prayer, by N. S. Hampton.

FRIDAY SECOND DAY

The Convention met at 9:30 . Singing by Bellview Choir two songs led by R. D. Ollis, Pleasant Hill, two songs led by Ed W. Buchanan.

Devotion conducted by N. S. Hampton, reading the 11th v. of the 5th c. of St. John and commenting on same.

Song: You can't do wrong and get by. Sung by all.

Prayer led by N. S. Hampton, one song by Pleasant Valley Choir, led by Dewy Holtsclaw. One by Bellview led by A. R. Ollis. One by Pleasant Hill , led by Ed W. Buchanan.

Question No. 3: Should the spiritual relations of the Sunday School be such as would influence the pupil that the Sunday school is a part of the church services and how to attain it.

Discussed by R. T. Teague, N. S. Hampton, T. C. Hicks. N. A. Buchanan. Two songs by Pleasant Valley, two by Bellview, two by Pleasant Hill.

R. C. Brown made a short talk and asked to be excused from preaching.

Song: "Amazing Grace" and a General Reconsecration to the Lords Work.

Adjourned for dinner with a prayer by D. P. Bridges.

AFTERNOON SECOND DAY

Two songs by Pleasant Valley, two by Bellview, two by Pleasant Hill.

The Committe on preaching announced that N. S. Hampton would preach tonight.

Singing two songs each choir. Prayer by T. C. Hicks.

Question No. 4. Are our Sunday Schools in need of Trained and concentrated teachers? Discussed by T. C. Hicks, D. P. Bridges, N. A. Buchanan, N. S. Hampton, R. C. Brown.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORTS

Received for printing: from

Green Valley	$1.00
Bellview	1.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00
Chestnut Dale	.50
Big Meadows	.85
Pleasant Valley	55
Pleasant Valley	.55
Total	$5.40

We recommend that our Minutes be printed with the Association Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Hall, John W. Taylor, N. A. Buchanan, Committee

RESOLUTIONS REPORT. Be it resolved that we tender a rising vote of thanks to this church for the fine manner in which they have entertained this convention.

Respectfully,
Chas. Vance, H. S. Burleson, R. T. Teague, Committee.

TIME AND PLACE REPORT

We recommend that the next session be held with Mt. Pleasant on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1931. We also recommend that the B. Y. P. U. be given a place on the programs that they have Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Chas. Vance, D. S. Hoffman, A. C. Calloway. Committee.

Number of delegates present from Pleasant Hill, all Pleasant Valley 40, Crossnore 4, Pineola 1, Mt. Pleasant 4, Minneapolis 12, Roaring Creek 3, Big Meadows 3, Chestnut Dale 6, Bellview 45, Green Valley 6.

The Convention closed one of its best sessions till time and place, with prayer by R. T. Teague.

N. S. HAMPTON, Chm., Pineola, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Sec'y., Minneapolis, N. C.

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NOMINATIONS

TO WRITE ON FOR NEXT SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS: G. D. Danner, P. L. Johnson, R. T. Teague
MISSIONS: W. W. Braswell
EDUCATION:G. D. Danner
HOSPITALS: V. W. Greene
MINISTERIAL RELIEF: R. T. Lewis
TEMPERANCE: J. G. Hughes
STEWARDSHIP: R. T. Teague
OBITUARIES: L. W. Sudderth
PERIODICALS: J. T. McGuire
MILLS HOME: Chas. Vance
RESOLUTIONS: T . K. Carroll
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: H. S. Burleson
PLACE AND PREACHER: P. L. Johnson
STATE OF CHURCHES: H. F. Ledford
FINANCE: John D. Braswell

PASTORAL SUPPORT: D. Buchanan
WOMAN'S WORK: Mrs. Grace Hall
B. Y. P. U: Corda Franklin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE by compact fields

Field No. 1. R. T. Teague, Chairman
Aaron, Newland, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant.
Field No. 2. Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary
Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale, Roaring Creek, Minneapolis
Field No. 3. D. Buchanan
Yellow Mountain, Green Valley, Henson Creek, Powder Mill
Field No. 4. P. L. Johnson
Pineola, Crossnore, Jonas Ridge, Big Meadow.
Field No. 5. Luther McGuire
Elk Park, Elk Valley, Pleasant Valley, Cranberry, Belview, Beech Mountain, Flat Springs

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

J. D. Braswell, L. W. Sudderth, Ed W. Buchanan,

TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures

for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their energies and their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Perogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the Body it may justly claim for itself for its obects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes hetrodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator. His-

torian, Clerk and Treaurer, who shall be elected at each annual session, after the names of the Delegates are enrolled, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

As soon as the officers have taken their seats, the Body shall be declared organized and ready for busineess.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceeding of the Body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Asscciation Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

MINUTES OF THE 20th ANNUAL SESSION OF

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Aaron Church August 21st, 22nd 1931

The Association met at 10 a. m. Song service led by E. M. Johnson. Devotion by E. M. Johnson. Prayer led by D. A. Greene.

In the absence of our beloved Moderator N. S. Hampton, Rev. K. L. Haga called the Association to order and asked R. T. Teague the chairman of the Executive Committee to take the chair.

Letters called for and K. L. Haga and H. S. Burleson were appointed Reading Clerks and read letters from 21 churches.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. K. L. Haga was elected Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan

Clerk—Treasurer. R. T. Teague was elected Historian.

Visitors and Correspondents were asked to let themselves be known and the following responded: Rev. J. M. Page and Hon. Perry Morgan of the State Mission Board.

Mr. Morgan suggested that the Executive committee and an additional committee of Corda Franklin, W. W. Braswell, H. S. Burleson, Rev. V. W. Greene and Rev. E. M. Johnson meet him at the noon hour to discuss Kingdom work.

In place of the Annual Sermon, Memorial Services of N. S. Hampton and his work was conductted by K. L. Haga. Mr. Haga made an address that was ordered published in the Avery Advocate and a copy sent to Brother Hampton, and a copy filed with the Historian.

Also the following made short talks in memory of Brother Hampton and his work: R. T. Teague, P. L. Johnson, J. Henline, K. Carrol, Perry Morgan, J. T. McGuire, L. W. Sudderth, T. W. Childers, Grace Hall, V. W. Greene and Ed W. Buchanan. An offering was taken for him and $16.21 was received for him.

The Moderator asked Brother Henline to carry the offering and message of Love to Brother Hampton.

Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Page.

AFTERNOON 1st DAY

The Association met at 2 P. M. Song Service led by E. M. Johnson. Prayer led by J. Henline.

The Moderator named the following committees, the first named being chairman.

MISSIONS: L. M. Deaton, Perry Morgan.

EDUCATION: R. T. Lewis, G. D. Danner.

HOSPITALS: V. W. Greene, E. M. Johnson.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF: E. M. Johnson, J. D. Braswell,

TEMPERANCE: Charles Vance, P. L. Johnson.

STEWARDSHIP: R. T. Teague, H. S. Burleson.

OBITUARIES: C. T. Hicks, L. W. Sudderth.

PERIODICALS: K. L. Haga, J. M. Page.

MILLS HOME: D. Buchanan, M. L. Kesler.

RESOLUTIONS: Charles New, J. T. McGuire.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: L. McGuire, F. J. Hall.

PLACE & PREACHER: C. E. Miller, P. L. Johnson, J. L. Pyatte,

STATE OF CHURCHES: W. W. Braswell, Vester Stafford.
FINANCE: John W. Taylor, R. T. Lewis.
WOMANS WORK: Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. Grace Hall.
B. Y. P. U.: Corda Franklin, Mrs. W. W. Braswell.
NOMINATIONS: R. Teague, H. S. Burleson.

Reports on Missions and Womans Work not being ready motion carried to hear the discussion this afternoon.

Rev. D. W. Haga and Rev. R. P. Jones were welcomed with us.

Report on Stewardship read by R. T. Teague, discussed by J. M. Page. At the conclusion of Mr. Page's address E. M. Johnson presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas the Livingston Johnson Memorial is for the purpose of establishing a permanent Memorial to Livingston Johnson, and at the same time paying $200,000.00 on the debts of the Baptist Convention.

Resolved: First that Avery County Association accept $200.00 as its quota asked by the Convention Committee.

Second: That the Executive committee and the pastors be asked to apportion this among the churches.

Third: That W. W. Braswell be appointed to help the churches in raising their quotas.

The Moderator called Perry Morgan and he made an interesting address on the Cooperative Program and at the suggestion of Mr. Morgan the following committtee was appointed: R. T. Teague chairman, K. L. Haga, G. D. Danner, J. T. McGuire, H. S. Burleson, D. Buchanan, D. C. Cook, Mrs. Grace Hall, Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Corda Franklin and Bertha Pritchard. This committee to assist in financing the Kingdom work.

Adjourned with prayer by Perry Morgan.

EVENING SESSION

The association met at 8 P. M. Song service led by L. W. Sudderth. Sermon by E. M. Johnson, subject, Three Fires. The sermon was enjoyed by all present.

SATURDAY 2nd DAY

Met at 9:30. Song led by L. W. Suddreth.

Devotion by V. W. Greene.

Rev. G. D. Danner, Crossnore's new pastor was welcomed to a seat.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Report on Education read by R. T. Lewis.

Sunday School report not ready.

B. Y. P. U. report read by Corda Franklin and discussed by Miss Franklin.

Reports on Periodicals read by K. L. Haga.

The foregoing subjects were consolidated as to discussion and discussed by G. D. Danner.

Dr. M. L. Kesler and son from the Mills Home came in and were welcomed. On motion Brother Kesler read the report on Orphanage and made an interesting address and appealed to us for the once a month collections in the Sunday Schools.

Adjourned with prayer by M. L. Kesler.

AFTERNOON 2nd DAY

Met at 1:30 P. M.

Devotion by G. D. Danner. He read the First Psalm and some fitting remarks from same.

Discussions concluded by Corda Franklin, J. D. Braswell, E. M. Johnoson.

R. T. Teague, P. L. Johnson, N. A. Buchanan discussed Sunday Schools.

Report on Hospitals read.

State of Churches.

Ministerial Relief, Temperance, Finance and Pastoral Support read and discussed by R. T. Teague, W. W. Braswell, W. A. Braswell and adopted.

Place and Preacher read and Nominations and Obituaries read and adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis and J. D. Braswell to set a date to hold Memorial Services for Rev. D. P. Bridges and Rev. W. M. Francum.

The Church Clerks were asked to get up the histories of their churches and send them to the Historian, R. T. Teague before our next annual meeting.

Resolutions read and adopted.

The Moderator named the following delegates and correspondents:

Mitchell: Ed W. Buchanan, R. T. Lewis.

Three Fork: J. D. Braswell, L. W. Sudderth, W. A. Braswell.

Watauga: K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague.

The following committee was asked to revise our rules of order and submit to our next annual meeting: J. D. Braswell, R. T. Lewis, G. D. Danner.

Adjourned to Time and Place with prayer by G. D. Danner.

Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk K. L. Haga, Moderator

DELEGATES PRESENT FROM

Aaron: T. W. Childers, H. F. Ledford, Edgar Pritchard.

Beech Mountain: Roy McGuire, D. C. Cook.

Big Meadow: J. L. Pyatte, E. O. Pyatte, D. M. Phillips.

Belview: Geo. Tolley, J. W. Taylor, Julius Ollis, A. D. Ollis, Dewey Gouge.

Crossnore: P. L. Johnson, Corda Franklin, Chas. Vance.

Cranberry: Mrs. Dilly Greene, Mrs. Dayton Greene, Miss Opal McCoury.

Chestnut Dale: D. S. Hoffman, Rom Hoffman.

Elk Park: R. N. Cardwell, G. W. Haggie, Mrs. R. N. Cardwell.

Elk Valley: No report.

Flat Springs: Roy Guy, Ernest McGuire.

Green Valley: Mrs. Grace Hall, E. J. Hall.

Henson Creek: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hughes.

Jonas Ridge: L. G. Reide.

Minneapolis: R. T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson.

Mt. Pleasant: H. S. Burleson, V. S. Johnson.

Newland: R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell.

Oak Grove: J. A. Ledford, Alvin Nelson.

Pineola: R. J. Hughes, Charles New, J. G. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pritchard.

Pleasant Hill: Baxter Ollis, A. L. Miller, Vance Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Buchanan, Edward Buchanan Jr.

Pleasant Valley: Warney Guyn, Henry Guyn, Bell Hagie.

Powder Mill: Parsons McKinney.

Roaring Creek: W. P. Hollander.

Yellow Mountain: Mr. and Mrs. D. Buchanan, Vester Stafford, C.

C. Stafford, Mrs. C. C. Stafford.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

"Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for thee?' And Pharaoh's daughter said to her. 'Go,' and the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, 'Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.' And the woman took the child and nursed it." (Ex. 2:7-9)

"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron took a timbrell in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord for he hath triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. (Ex. 15:20-.1)

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him; therefore also have I lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth shall he be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there." (1 Sam:.7-28)

"And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phannel, of the tribe of Aser; she was of great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about four score years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayer night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spoke of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." (Luke 2:36-38)

"And certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene out of whom went seven devils. And Joanna the wife of Chusa, Herod's steward and Susanna and many others which ministered unto him of their substance." (Luke 8:.-3)

"And I entreat thee also, true yoke-fellow help these women that labored with me in the Gospel." (Phil. 4-3)

Mrs. D. P. Bridges.

REPORT ON PASTOR'S SUPPORT

Judging from the report of the letters from the churches we

decide that the support of pastors is entirely too small. The preacher is not a pauper or a beggar or an object of charity. He is engaged in the greatest work in this world, that of winning souls to Jesus Christ and helping to train them in his service.

If the church can get a great vision of his work and then get a great vision of their cooperation in his great and glorious work and the love of Christ constrain them to service then if they follow the Divine regulation to lay by in store on the first day of the week according as God has prospered them the pastors would have ample support in the greatest of all work. Let all the churches pray mightily to God for a return to our first love, that Spiritual Prosperity may return to all.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Signed, The Committee-J. V. Hughes

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

1. That each Sunday School be asked to give at least one Sunday's offering in each month to the Mills Orphanage Home and also that an offering be taken on or about Thanksgiving and that we make an effort to load a car at Spruce Pine, N. C. with produce for the Mills Home.

2. That we urge that our churches be careful in selecting pastors and select only those that are sound in faith and practice and will defend our churches in pureness of character, a sound Gospel preached in love being steadfast in the Missionary Baptist faith and practice, we believe will mean much to our churches and the Salvation of Souls to the uttermost parts of the earth.

3. We urge that all pastors living in the bounds of our Association and pastoring churches in our Association and have their membership in other associations be asked to move their membership to some church in our Association.

4. That we express our hearty thanks to this church and community in its noble entertainment of this Association.

The Committee Charles New, J. T. McGuire

STATE OF CHURCHES

	Members	Pastors Salary	All Objects
1929	2100	$2303.73	
1930	1564	1805.17	
1931	2225	1803.17	$4648.33

We your committee on "State of Churches" are glad to submit the following report. We note with pleasure an increase in membership. We are not able to give this increase on a percentage basis at present.

We now have 2225 members who have paid into the cause, Pastors, Orphanages, Sunday School expenses, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, upkeep of churches and all other objects only $4648.33.

This amounts to a little less than $2.10 per member per year. We are caused to ponder in our minds this question, "Can our conscience rest with ease with so small an amount standing on the credit side of the ledger and we professing to be Missionary Baptists?"

If each of our 2225 members would carry five cents on each Sabbath morning into their church, this in one year would amount to $5785.00 or $1136.67 more than was paid in last year.

The Committee-W. W. Braswell, Vester Stafford

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We appreciate the interest shown in the B. Y. P. U. work within the past year. The churches have been quite responsive and have asked for study courses, demonstration programs and organizations. We hope that this fine spirit may continue both among those churches that have had an organization in the past and those that have never maintained any organization.

We would not advise any church to set up an organization until it has first learned B. Y. P. U. methods through a study course, for nine times out of ten the B. Y. P. U. that has been short lived has been the result of a lack of good understanding of the work.

There are at present six living unions in our Association, four Seniors and two Intermediate, with a possibility of new organizations in the near future. Feel free to call on the Associational

officers if you need help.

Your Committee-Corda Franklin, Mrs. W. W. Braswell

REPORT ON FINANCE

Received for Minute Fund $24.88. 7 Churches did not report. We recommend that the pastors attend the Association where they work and that they insist that each church send its annual report and minute funds.

We also recommend that our Clerk receive $8.00 for his service.

Respectfully submitted, The Committee

John W. Taylor, R. T. Lewis

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on education urge the Baptists of this Association to take a more active interest in the public schools of the county and we especially urge our people to use their influence in securing Christian men and women for teachers. Solomon said to train the child up in the way that it should go and when it gets old it would not depart from it, therefore it is the duty of parents to see that the child should have the proper training in our public state supported schools. We believe that false ideas, contrary to the teaching of the Bible are being taught in some of the public schools of our state and we urge that the Christian people unite their efforts to eradicate this practice.

We urge that our people take a more active interest in our Denominational Schools and would especially recommend to those seeking a College Education that they patronize Wake Forest, Meridith and Mars Hill Colleges and our other denominational institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee-R. T. Lewis, G. D. Danner

MILLS HOME REPORT

At the last Annual Meeting there were present in the Home 635 children, 136 of these at the Kennedy Home near Kinston which is a branch of the Institution. There were also 236 children with 86 mothers cared for in their own homes by Mothe s' Aid.

In round numbers, nine hundred are being cared for by the denomination.

These children have their health looked after, are fed, clothed and educated in school and out, with a view to their greatest happiness and usefulness. Three thousand and more have received these blessings in greater or less degree.

Now at a time when the help of the institution is needed most the contributions are less than ever before. Debt is piling up. Children with neither father nor mother, helpless widows and their children, are turned helpless away for lack of room and the lack of money.

No matter how hard the times are, a collection from every Sunday school once a month would save the situation. More than half the Sunday Schools in the state have sent no contributions at all during the first six months of this year.

This has been our method of raising money for the orphanage for forty six years. We have no better plan to urge now.

Again we recommend:

1. That every Sunday School take a collection once a month and forward it to R. D. Covington, Treasurer, Thomasville, N. C.

2. That a club of Charity and Children be taken by every Sunday School where it is possible. The paper is $1.00 a year to single subscribers, but in clubs of ten or more to one address it is 60c a copy.

3. That a special Thanksgiving offering be taken in every church and Sunday School at the proper time in November. This is the one great collection of the year and the last hope of saving from crushing debt.

Surely every pastor will get behind these recommendations.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this"

D. Buchanan, M. L. Kesler.

TIME AND PLACE REPORT

We the Committee on Time and Place beg to submit that the next Association convene with the Crossnore Baptist Church beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1932.

Rev. K. L. Haga to preach the Introduction Sermon.

The Committee-A. L. Miller, J. L. Pyatte, P. L. Johnson

OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following report:

We find that since our last session God has seen fit in His wisdom to take from our ranks 20 of our Brothers and Sisters.

This reminds us that we too are approcahing the Valley of the Shadow of Death and we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of Him who doth all things well.

Let us take warning that all must stand before God and give an account of the deeds done in the body and may it be our portion to hear the words from Him who sitteth as Judge Supreme those welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord.

May we make special mention of our good friend and co-worker, Rev. W. M. Francum, the first clerk of the Avery Association.

Our Dead

Mr. A. J. Taylor	Mrs. Alice Shell
Mr. Walter Vance	Mrs. Lula Guy
Mrs. Maud Pyatte	Mr. Ephram Harmon
Deacon Mose Thomas	Rev. D. P. Bridges
Deacon J. A. Dellinger	Mr. John Cannon
Deacon W. S. Sudderth	Mr. Wilson Burleson
Elder W. M. Gardner	Mrs. Eliza Davis
Mr. J. H. Green	Mrs. Easter Pritchard
Mrs. J. H. Green	Mr. R. J. Burleson
Mr. Frank Beers	Mr. Daniel Buchanon

The Committee-L. W. Sudderth, T. C. Hicks

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Sunday Schools are doing a great work, but we believe that each school, should strive to do a greater work in training the children the way they should go.

1st. Have Godly men and women for officers and teachers.

2nd. That they be Baptists.

3rd. That they be trained by study to show themselves approved unto God, good workmen who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

4th. That each school use the Bible and Quarterly together and see to it that we don't miss one single lesson.

5th. We beg further to advise that the superintendent and each teacher give one hour or more each week visiting the homes of those who do not attend Sunday School.

6th. The most destructive thing we know of to a Sunday School is to stop it in the winter season. We pray every church to have 12 months schools, 52 Sundays each year.

7th. Grade the School and make it as near standard as possible.

8th. Let there be continued prayer for the Sunday School work every where.

9th. The Sunday School is the church at work. Then let each Baptist Sunday School use nothing but the Bible and Baptist literature.

L. McGuire

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee	$30.26
From Sunday School Convention	5.40
Beech Mountain	2.18
Big Meadow	1.00
Crossnore	2.00
Henson Creek	1.00
Mrs. Dora Guyn	.75
Total Received	$42.59
Disbursed for Printing	$40.00
Fee	8.00
Postage, Stationery, Etc.	4.00
Total Disbursed	$52.00
Overdrawn	$9.41

Respectfully,

Ed W. Buchanan, (Treasurer)

MISSIONS

The Great Commission bids all Christians to do three things: First, to make disciples of all nations.

Second, to baptize these made disciples.

Third, to teach or train these made and baptized disciples to observe all things commanded of us.

Unless we do and teach these things we have an exceedingly poor way of showing our discipleship to a lost and needy world. There are only two ways of doing these things; going in person or sending a representtative. Since all of us here are not going at this time our only alternative is sending a representative. Our gifts to missions measure our obedience to our Lord with reference to His last and dying command. May God in His infinite wisdom lead us His people to send representatives more largely than we are now doing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS

1. We as your committee on Hospitals beg leave to submit the following:

This is our Hospital built by our Baptist people for the saving of human life and the relief of the Suffering.

2. It is well located, finely equipped, fire proof construction prepared to take care of 100 patients per day.

3. It has a fine medical and surgical staff, efficient Christian nurses and a management that believe in prayer and love.

4. It offers its service under an environment of love sympathy and prayer that inspires the sick with hope and lures them back to health.

5. Last year it cared for 2,750 patients over half of which was charity.

6. It's work of charity has grown tremendously and last year it spent over $50,000.00 for free service, and cared for 1600 of those who were unable to pay or who could pay but a small part for their care.

7. Our Hospitals and our poor sick need our help, and we urge that the pastors of this Association have a collection taken at least once a year for the benefit of these people.

Respectfully submitted.

The Committee-V. W. Greene, E. M. Johnson

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

It is taken for granted that Southern Baptists have at last

awakened in a measure to their aged and infirm ministers and their widows. So this report will only set fourth briefly the work of your Board established for that purpose.

The work of this Board is done through two departments. The first called the Relief Department which receives 3½ per cent of all funds contributed by the churches through their Cooperative Program; which the Board distributes bi-monthly according to its best judgement.

In addition to the above amount it appropriates the interest from its Invested Reserve Fund to the same purpose. For the last five years the receipts from the churches have steadily diminished until they became so meager that the Board was forced last year to draw on its Reserve Fund for nearly half the whole amount allocated to its beneficiaries, and without this Reserve Fund even the pittances now received by our old preachers must have been cut practically in half. Our North Carolina ministers have actually received from the Board during the current year nearly twice as much as our churches have sent in for this purpose.

The other department of our Board is known as the Service Annuity Department. This began to operate last January in place of the old Annuity Department, but still carries out the contracts made out under the old plan. Under the Relief Department the beneficiaries were not required to make any payments and received their allotments gratuitously. Under the Service Annuity Plan its beneficiaries and their churches are required to co operatte. A pastor is asked to contribute 2½ per cent of his salary in monthly installments, and his church is asked to contribute 8 per cent of its regular pastor's salary. By these means together with a Contingent Fund provided by the Board it is proposed to accumulate for the participating pastor 65 years of age a minimum of $500.00 a year or a maximum of around $1,200.00 a year, depending in general on the average salary received under 35 years of service. Special provision is made in case of disability before reaching 65 years of age, and widows are to receive ½ the amount allocated to their husbands.

For particulars of the plan you are urged to write to Mr. Hugh F. Lattimer, Asheville, N. C., who is the Board's Eastern representative.

The Board's regular beneficiaries last year through the South

were 691 ministers, 603 widows , 49 emergency cases and 15 children. Of this number 70 ministers and 59 widows were from North Carolina. Participant under the new Annuity Plan 55 ministers, 45 missionaries and 67 widows.

Respectfully submitted

The Committee-E.M.Johnson, J. D. Braswell

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryat	D. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Creen	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N S Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N S Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N S Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N S Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Cr'k	N S Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	Memorial Service of N. S. Hampton.

PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-six years ago. Since then it has served as the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our young people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest

of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past eight years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future hopes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.. W. M. U. and laymen's work so that the reader may be informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help to the developing of character—character which will react for good in the future lives of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers to render unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

We also recommend, Charity and Children, and Home and Foreign Fields. The Committee-K. L. Haga, J. M. Page

STEWARDSHIP

God is the Owner of all things. "The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. Ps.24:1. Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. Ps. 50:10. The silver is mine and the gold is mine." Hag. 2:8.

We are God's stewards. A steward is a person entrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own. A steward is a trustee.

The steward must be faithful. Four things stand out: He must

give to the Owner the first fruits of all increase; he must devote the remainder to good purposes; he must not permit any part of the Owner's talents to be unused; he must render an account to the Owner.

Tithing is the testing part of stewardship. God's challenge to us is to bring the tithe into the storehouse and prove or try Him, promising to give us blessings that we will not have room to receive. It is heart-rending that we do not believe this or trust Him.

The Committee-R. T. Teague, H. S. Burleson

TEMPERANCE

The orderly administration of the law involves more than the mere machinery of law enforcement; the efficient use of that machinery and a spirit in our people in support of laws are essentials. We have need for improvement in both.

However much we may perfect the machinery, still if the citizen who depends upon some law or laws to protect him and all that he has or holds dear, shall insist on selecting the particular law which he will obey, he then undermines his own safety and that of his country. His attitude may deceive but he can not conceal the ugly truth that the lawbreaker, whoever he may be is the enemy of society. We can no longer gloss over the unpleasantness that every citizen who condones or traffics with or who is indifferent to its punishment or the lax performance of official duty, he himself is the most effective agency in breaking down society. Law cannot rise above its source of good citizenship in the right minded men. If the law is held up only by the government officials then the law is at an end.

Now I know it is the duty of every Christian church in the land and that they will stand behind the prohibition movement. And we Baptist folks here in Avery County will fight to the last ditch any step that looks like going back to the saloon.

Which will it be, liquor or the flag? The bottle or liberty?

We will no more surrender to the bootlegger than to some other demon that would come to our land and destroy the virtue of our young womanhood and manhood.

Make up your mind today that the gospel of Jesus Christ and the liquor traffic are contradictory to each other.

We have something to fight; we have wealth to fight. We have $5,000,000,000 a year to meet. Stand for the dry man in the next campaign politically, regardless of creed or affiliations.

Prayerfully submitted. P. L. Johnson-Charles Vance

TABLE 1: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GAINS Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	LOSSES Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revital Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
Aaron	K. L. Haga, Montezuma	2-3									1	104	No		1	
Beech Mountain	Tipton Greene, Boone	1	230	17	5		3	4			1	250	No	1	1	
Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton, Pineola	2	78	7	1		8	1			1	93	No	1		
Belview	J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, T.	1	91	14	16		1				1	121	Yes	1	1	
Crossnore	G. D. Danner, Crossnore	All	198	1	4							198	Yes	0	2	
Cranberry	J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, T.	1	95	6				11			1	90	Yes	1		
Chestnut Dale	T. K. Carroll, Linville	1	95	6					16			84	Yes	2		
Elk Valley	No report															
Elk Park	L. M. Deaton, Newland	4	61	6	8					21		54	Yes	2	1	
Flat Springs	W. A. Pennell, Zionville	2	100	6	19		2	2	2		1	120	Yes	2	2	
Green Valley	J. T. McGuire, Linville	4	66	2				2			2	66	No	1		
Henson Creek	J. L. Dellinger, Spear	2	27	1		3	1				1	31	Yes	1	1	
Jonas Ridge	J. T. McGuire, Linville		156	1	2			2			1	156	No			
Minneapolis	J. Henline, Bakersville		104	24				1	4		3	136	Yes	1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	N. S. Hampton, Pineola	2						3	Not Given in Report							
Newland	F. C. Watts, Purlear	1-4	132	21			1	1			1	161	Yes	1	2	3
Oak Grove	V. W. Greene, Spruce Pine	3	Not Given													
Pineola	N. S. Hampton, Pineola		55		1					2		54				2
Pleasant Hill	J. Henline, Bakersville	1	252	22	2		1	4		1	1	271	No	2	2	
Pleasant Valley	N. S. Hampton, Pineola	4	85					3			1	81	No	1		
Powder Mill	J. L. Dellinger, Spear	2	43					1	2		1	39	No	1		
Roaring Creek	I. W. Woody, Valley	2	60	1			3	1		5	2	56	No	1	1	
Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene, Spruce Pine	4	88	2	1						1	89	Yes			1

TABLE 11. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Total Enrollment—Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas
Aaron	Mrs. S. E. Pritchard	9	14	13	14	12				69	49	No	No	5
Beech Mountain	T. F. Cook	11	28	8	7	10	30	19		113	86	No	No	2
Big Meadow	O. J. Benfield	21	30		29	24	12	25	5	136	84	Yes	No	3
Belview	Jess Cook	10	8	18	12	14	20	30	9	121	75	No	No	No
Crossnore	Charles Vance	19	11	16	23	27	27	28		147	104	Yes	No	
Cranberry	Union													
Chestnut Dale	Rom Hoffman	10	12	8	18	20	16	10		93	76	No		
Elk Valley	No Report													
Elk Park	R. E. Cardwell	8	5	7	8	8	7	12	2	40		Yes	No	4
Flat Springs	Monroe Dugger	6								66	45			
Green Valley	F. J. Hall	7	12	15	15	16		21		86	65	No	No	1
Henson Creek	Not Given in Report													
Jonas Ridge	Not Given in Report	10	17	12	21	20	16	44		140	96	No	No	
Minneapolis	Stokes Buchanan	9									50			
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson	6	5	8	12	10	15	9		65	36	No		
Newland	J. T. Tanner	12	25	12	30	10	30	33		168		Yes	Yes	9
Oak Grove	M. B. Vance	5	15	10	12			10		63	52	No	No	No
Pineola	Green Buchanan	8	30	15	20			19		84	41	No	No	
Pleasant Hill	Ed. W. Buchanan	15	5	35	20	25	30	45	5	175	115	No	No	No
Pleasant Valley	Warney Guin	9	6	6	8	17	12	9	8	75	56	Yes	No	3
Powder Mill	George Watson	6	12	12	10	10	1	10			35	No	No	No
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes	8	22	10	12	16	12	11	5	96		Yes		
Yellow Mountain	C. C. Stafford	9	20	20	10	25		20		104	75	No	No	3

TABLE 1V. GIFTS FOR ALL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers	Pastor's Salary Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Co-operative Program	Orphanage	Total for Church Work Given by Church and all Its Organizations
Aaron	T. W. Childers	60.83		44.00	69.00	90.20		1,50			9.64	
Beech Mountain	Roy McGuire	112.09	23.00	16.00	4.36	14.91		3,30	25.65	2.28		202.79
Big Meadow	G. Carpenter	50.15	56.32			20.33		1.22			5.18	113.39
Belview	Dewey Gouge	64.80	21,25	640.35	35.10	23.29	19.20	2.00	5.61			809.60
Crossnore	Mrs. T. P. Dellinger		47.89	44.00	23.00	34.87			21.20	11.20	3.00	185.16
Cranberry	John Hughes	85.00				5.00		1,70				91,50
Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman	46.00	46.55		12.44	19.51	12.00	1.00	1.50			139.00
Elk Valley												
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell	120.00	20,72		63.00	35.00	15.00	.75	19.75	13.35		296.82
Flat Springs	C. L. Norris	45.25	23.00	85.00		10.00	4.50	1.55				169.30
Green Valley	R. L. Hall	125.04	22.00			17.68	12,85	1.80		3.00	28.00	210.37
Henson Creek	J. P. Hughes	33.91	6.25	86.80		13.20		.25				140.24
Jonas Ridge	L. G. Reide	100.00	9.40	50,00		25.00		1.50		2.77	26.00	195.55
Minneapolis	J. L. Pritchard	25.00	15.00								11.96	59.69
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson	10.00	12.00	150.00		9.00		1.00				182,10
Newland	J. D. Braswell	500,00	95.00		166.00		100.00		50.00	577.00	78.00	1571.00
Oak Grove		32.80	14.10		8.25	5.60	1.90	1.10				62.27
Pineola	J. M. Pritchard	56.46		127.00	21.65	21.90		1.35			21.21	250.40
Pleasant Hill	Baxter Ollis	193,28	80.50		20.00	45.00	25.00	3.00			20.42	352.80
Pleasant Valley	W. P. Hicks	45.00	12.80		2.50	5.80		.85		1.80		68.83
Powder Mill		27.00				10.00						47.00
Roaring Creek	Jeff Hughes	45,25			11.00	11.50	1.00	1.00			.65	69.91
Yellow Mountain		37.00		28.00		31.00	35.00				13.10	131.10

MINUTES
OF THE
AVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
HUGHES, N. C.
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1931

The Avery County Sunday School—B. Y. P. U. Convention met with Mt. Pleasant church at 10 A. M.

Song Service led by Ed W. Buchanan. The convention called to order by the Secretary in the absence of the Chairman.

Organization

R. T. Teague was elected chairman and Ed W. Buchanan secretary.

Devotion conducted by Rev. J. T. McGuire.

The choir from Oak Grove led by Linzy Winters and the Elk Mountain choir led by J. M. James and the Yellow Mountain choir led by Vester Stafford sang one song each.

Letters called for and Coleman Johnson and H. S. Burleson were appointed Reading Clerks and read letters from Aaron, Big Meadow, Belview, Crossnore, Chestnut Dale, Green Valley, Jonas Ridge, Minneapolis, Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Oak Grove, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley and Yellow Mountain.

Miss Corda Franklin was elected president of B. Y. P. U. for the county.

Committees appointed as follows with the first named as chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: P. L. Johnson, K. L. Haga, James Ivy.

FINANCE: Chas. Vance, Vester Stafford, J. L. Pyatte.

TIME AND PLACE: D. S. Hoffman, H. S. Burleson, P. L. Johnson.

Question No. 1:

What have been our Sunday School Ideals for the past year and what should be our Ideals for the next year?

Discussed by K. L. Haga, James A. Ivy, P. L. Johnson, Mrs. Grace Hall, E. M. Johnson, H. H. Crisp and R. T. Teague.

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by E. M. Johnson.

AFTERNOON

The Convention met at 1:30. After song service Chas. Vance conducted the Devotion. He read the 5th C. of Eph; and 100th Psalm and made some interesting remarks from same.

After 2 songs by each choir, Miss Corda Franklin read the following which was adopted:

B. Y. P. U. Organization For The County

Corda Franklin, president; K. L. Haga, vice president; Miss Narcissa Johnson, secretary-treasurer; Addia Johnson, chorister; Beatrice Teague, pianist; Mrs. W. W. Braswell, Junior Int. leader.

District Leader 1st, Ethell Hicks; 2nd Hazel McCrary; 3rd Mrs. S. N. Pritchard; 4th Mrs. Mary Pritchard.

The Crossnore B. Y. P. U. Class gave an interesting program that was enjoyed by all present.

J. A. Ivy state secretary made an interesting address, also K. L. Haga, E. M. Johnson, Chas. Vance, R. T. Teague, P. L. Johnson. Discussed B. Y. P. U. work.

On motion of L. W. Sudderth special prayer was called for our former president, Rev. N. S. Hampton. Prayer led by J. T. McGuire.

Adjouned with prayer by James A. Ivy.

EVENING SESSION

After song service Corda Franklin made an interesting address and introduced Rev. G. D. Danner who preached an able and interesting sermon.

Adjourned with prayer by Corda Franklin.

SATURDAY JULY 25th 2nd DAY

The convention met at 9:30. Song Service by each choir present.

Devotion conducted by V. W. Greene.

Question No. 2.

Qualification of a Superintendent—Teacher—Associational Officers. —Discussed by L. W. Sudderth, R. T. Teague, E. M. Johnson.

The chairman presented Rev. Coy Muckle of Wingate College Sermon by Brother Muckle, Theme, "Building a Life." A rising

vote of thanks was given him for the wonderful message.

Adjourned with prayer by K. L. Haga.

AFTERNOON

Two songs by a choir led by Will Blair.

Devotion conducted by L. W. Sudderth.

Question No. 3.

Why should there be a Sunday School in every church in the association?

Discussed by K. L. Haga and R. T. Teague.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Report on Time and Place read and adopted.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Adjourned to Time and Place with song and prayer by K. L. Haga.

R.T. Teague, Chm. Newland, Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y Minneapolis

REPORT ON FINANCE

We respectfully submit the following:

Received from,

Aaron Sunday School	$ .50
Belview Sunday School	1.00
Big Meadow Sunday School	1.00
Green Valley Sunday School	1.00
Chestnut Dale Sunday School	.50
Pleasant Hill Sunday School	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	.50
Total	$5.50

We ask that the churches send ample funds to the Association to have our minutes printed as the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. all belong to the church.

Committee-Chas. Vance, Vester Stafford, J. L. Pyatte

NOMINATIONS

Sunday School Officers for the County.

R. T. Teague, Superintendent; P. L. Johnson, Associate Supt.

District No.1: Crossnore, Big Meadow, Pineola, Jonas Ridge, Chas. Vance, Superintendent.

District No. 2. Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Aaron, Oak Grove, Arbor Dale, Lloyd W. Sudderth, Superintendent.

District No. 3. Cranberry, Belview, Beech Mountain, Pleasant Valley, Elk Valley, Elk Park, Flat Springs, Luther McGuire, Superintendent.

District No. 4. Minneapolis, Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale, Roaring Creek, Yellow Mountain, Henson Creek, Powder Mill, Green Valley, D. Buchanan, Superintendent.

Roby A. Shomaker, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee-P. L. Johnson, K. L. Haga, J. A. Ivy

TIME AND PLACE REPORT

We recommend that the next session of the Avery County Baptist Sunday School and Singing Convention be held with Chestnut Dale Church on Thursday-Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1932. We also recommend that the B. Y. P. U. be given a place on the program.

Respectfully submitted.

The Committee-H. S. Burleson, D. S. Huffman, P. L. Johnson

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That every Sunday School make a report in full of its work and send a delegation to the next convention.
2. That we urge every Baptist Church in this county to have an evergreen Sunday School.
3. That every Sunday School make an offering on the first Sunday of each month to be sent to the Mills Home Orphanage, also that a collection of food be sent them at Thanksgiving wherever possible.
4. That every Sunday School work to make a substantial increase in its attendance and that in all of them we put on a membership drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the minutes of this Con-

vention be printed in connection with the Associational Minutes. AND That we extend a rising vote of thanks to this community, for their kind hospitality in entertaining this convention.

We further wish to thank the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers for their noble services. Also the various singing choirs for their good songs.

Committee-Lloyd C. Sudderth, Vester Stafford, Linzie Winters

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Pruce Pine		6	83			
		129	2498			

Days Meeting	Months Taught this year	Months Taught Last year	Gains Letters	Gains Statements	Restored	Losses Removed	Losses Withdrawn	Losses Erased	Losses Died	Total Present number	Reported Absent	Reported Non-Resident	Other Churches Represented	Other Churches Represented
4	104	9	1			2			1	111	no	1	2	
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4	93									93	yes	1	1	
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3	93	1				2			1	91	yes	1	1	
1	81	9			4	1			2	93	yes	1	1	
	54	4	2			1				59	no	1	0	
3	111						2			109	yes	1	2	
	62					1				63	no	1	1	
3	70	1				7	3			61	no	0	2	
	83	9			1			5		68	yes	2	1	
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3	103						1		1	101	no	1		
1	51									57	no	1	0	

				Postm. + Post offices
Country	19	Pleasant Hill	1910	J. Hendren, Spruce Pine
"	20	" Valley	1897	C. H. News, Newland
"	21	Pinderville	1914	J. L. Dellinger, Spruce
"	22	Roaring Fork	1924	J. D. Hughes, Valley
"	23	Yellow Mountain		J. J. McGuire, Linville

Letters	GAINS Restored	Baptisms	Letters	Statistics	Restorations	Letters	LOSSES Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Letters	TOTAL Church Membership	Pastors	Annual Meetings	Additions by Baptism	Additions by Letter
1	2	74	6	1	3				2		282	Jno	1	1	
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Ed W. Buchanan, Moderator.
Ruth E. Hester, Clerk

Asbury County Baptist Association,

Table 1.

Church Membership

When Constituted	Pastor & Post Office
1922	F.C. Watts, Purlear
1869	Tipton Greene, Boone
1922	V. W. Greene, Spear
1921	V. W. Greene, Spear
	1921 Whitaker, Johnson City
1907	G. L. Danner, Crossnore
1914	V. W. Greene, Spear
1886	V. W. Greene, Spear
	No Pastor
1902	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock
1851	No Pastor
1900	L. I. Dellinger, Spear
1914	J. I. McGuire, Linville
	V. W. Greene, Spear
1876	J. I. McGuire, Linville
1921	F. C. Watts, Purlear
1902	V. W. Greene, Spear
1925	W. R. Russell, Deerfield

36		15	158	115	yes	15	5	no	no				
17		13	94	50	no	7	5	no	no				
	15	7	77	77	no		0	no	no				
			100										
			52		yes			no	no				

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Ed W. Buchanan, Moderator

Ruth E. Heaton, Clerk

Avery County Baptist Association

Table 2.

Sunday

	Aaron	12	7
	Big Meadows	21	14
	Beech Mountain		
	Bellevue	14	21
	Bellevue	15	14
	Blueberry		
	Chestnut Ridge		
	Elk Valley	5	7
	Elk Park	8	10
	Hot Springs		
	Iron Valley	7	12
	Hemp Bark		
	[illegible]	10	10
	Minneapolis		
	Mt. Pleasant	12	10
	Newland	18	18
	Oak Grove		
	Pineola	18	

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Country 19		Bozeman Hills	25	15	12	25	20
" 20	Boyd Hickey, Elk Park	" Valley	7	10	18	10	17
" 21	P.L. Buchanan, Senior	Pendroy Hill	25		15	15	
" 22		Bronin Peak					
" 23		Spire					

							11.12	100.64		59.06	159.70
10.25	3.80				3.50			69.80		14.86	84.26
6.00		3.00	27.00	6.00	1.00			73.70			73.70
	18.00	7.00		7.00	1.00			74.06		26.46	100.52
36.85	31.73	25.25	67.79		3.00			385.12			385.12
		5.34	14.31		.75			64.14			64.14
5.00		10.00	12.00	28.0	1.07			106.57			106.57
9.04					1.75			41.79		12.00	53.79
5.00		2.00	22.24	3.00	2.00			109.39			109.39
	25.00		10.00		.75			54.99			54.99
		12.00	17.00		1.80			181.80			181.80
10 25	26.80	20.00	13.20					110.25			110.25
10.00	3.00							58.00		15.00	68.00
20.00		47.46	31.83					362.52	36.25	43.12	442.90
					.50			21.13			21.13
		140.00						177.77		71.92	249.69

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		40.00					195.80		80.00		275.80
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Ed W. Bustamante Moderator
Ruth E. Hesters Clerk

Avery County Baptist Association

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Gift for Local Church work

			Pastor's Salary	
1. Arrow	Includes Tax	Tax Income	79.90	9.62
2. Bear Mountain	Rev.	Grace Hatton	52.35	
3. Bear Mountain		Lynette Fogarty	35.73	
4. Elkton		Mary Jelley Cranberry	41.06	
5. Gorsuch		Mrs. Jos. Dellinger, Owner	164.29	56.2
6. Cranberry Glades		D. B.	42.00	
7. Locust Park		J. S. Hoffman Hughes	43.76	
8. Elk Valley		Income	52.50	
9. Elk Park		W. Smith, Elk Park		
10. Hopeville		Beech Creek	21.00	
11. Bear Wallow		L. Hall Spruce Pine	57.53	7.00
12. Beech Creek		Hall Dellinger, Spruce	19.24	
13. Spruce Pine		C. B. Reed, Treasurer	125.00	26.0
14. Minneapolis		Year's Report	44.00	
15. Mt. Vernon		H. S. Burleson Pastor	40.00	
16. New York		Mary Ensor Pastor	125.75	14.0
17. Red Bud		H. Gilbertson Pastor	20.63	
18. Pineville		M. Whitehead Pastor	20.00	1.5